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Soldiers come home as others depart

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The last several days have been heart wrenching for several families and friends in the Grayling community as troops were welcomed home and others departed for an eventual mission in Iraq.

About 156 soldiers in the 1071st Maintenance Company left Camp Grayling on Monday for four to six weeks of training at Fort Bliss, Texas prior to a 12-month tour in Iraq.

The 1440th Engineer Detachment flew into Grayling on Thursday, where dozens of people gave the troops a heroes welcome. The 1439th Engineer Detachment, which includes 19 soldiers, returned to the community Tuesday.

Mona Petterson fought back tears Saturday as reality hit that her husband would soon be departing for Iraq with the 1071st Maintenance Company.

"He's always told us this was going to happen," said Petterson, the wife of John Petterson, who is serving as a warrant officer with the 1071st unit. "We're just going to pull together and be strong and we'll get through this."

The 1071st unit, which has the motto "Fixin' to Fight," includes metal workers, machinists, crane operators, welders and mechanics who specialize in the repair of military vehicles, heavy

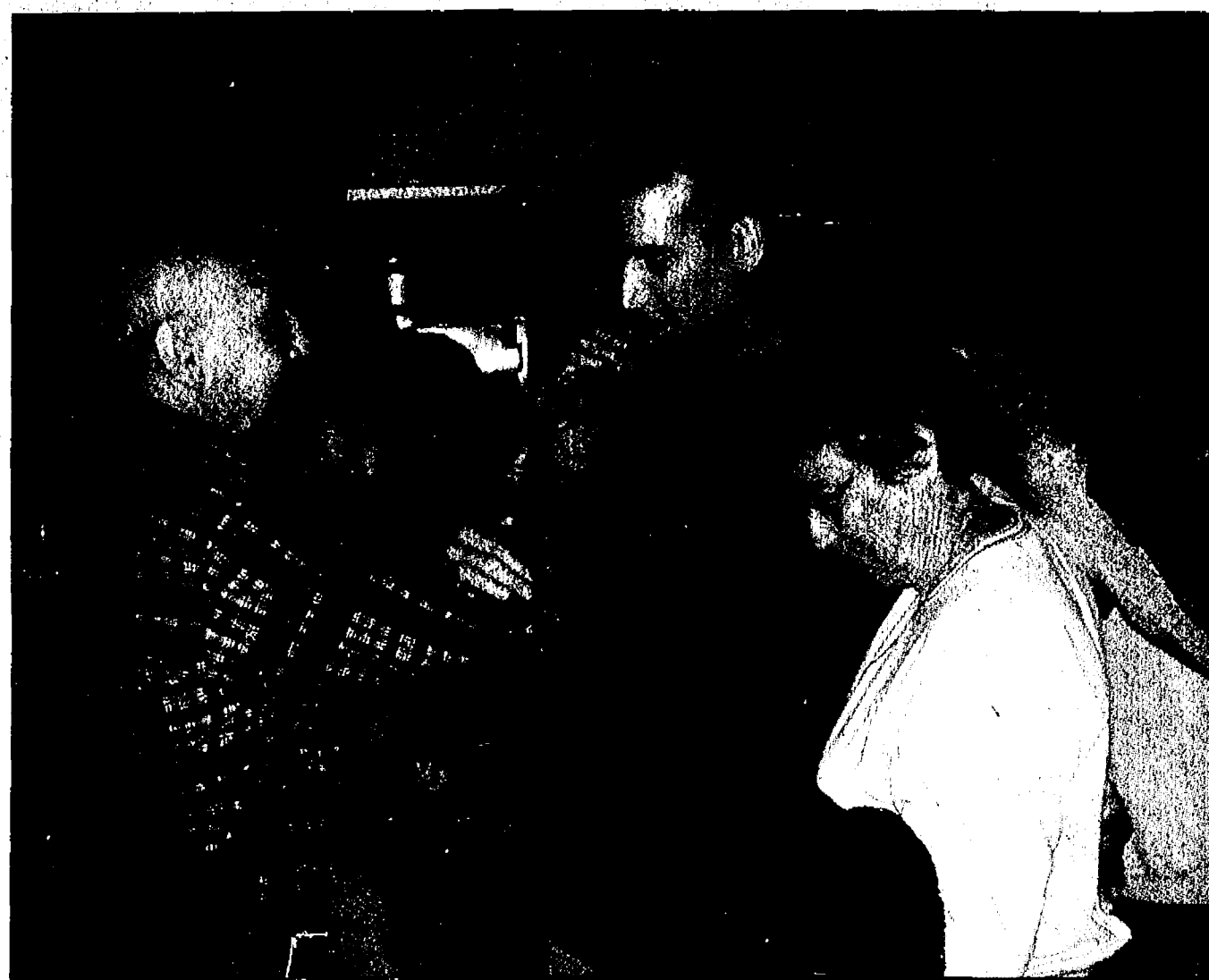


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Family members surround Chief Warrant Officer Phil Trudgeon of the 1071st Maintenance Company during a prayer held during a departure ceremony held at Camp Grayling on Saturday.

armor and weapons.

Hundreds of Grayling residents and former 1071st soldiers packed into the Armory at Camp Grayling on Saturday to support the troops.

"I just wish they weren't going at all, but he's going to serve his country and will do the best he

can," said Marcia Powers, grandmother of Staff Sgt. Chuck Puzjak.

Mary Lowery attended the ceremony to support Powers and Puzjak because her son, Ben Lowery, has been serving in Iraq for two months.

"I wish they didn't have to be

there," Mary Lowery said. "They're just trying to train the Iraqi soldiers so they can turn things around and have their country back."

Capt. Jason Teddy, the commander of the 1071st

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Spec. Kyle Vogel of the 1440th Engineer Detachment visits with his wife, Tonya, and his 3-month-old son, Jacob, at the Grayling Army Airfield as the unit returned home after a 12-month tour in Iraq.

Grayling girl receives new kidney from dad

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling man hoped to give his resilient daughter the gift of health by giving a kidney to the child who has dealt with health issues since she was an infant.

Amanda McClellan, 10, under went surgery at C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor where she received a kidney from her father, Ron McClellan.

Shortly after Amanda was born, she was diagnosed with

abnormal ureters, the part of the body which carries urine from the kidneys into the bladder. The condition, known as vesicoureteral reflux, exposes the kidneys to infection and

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Amanda McClellan, 10, pictured here with her father Ron, mother, Mary, and brother Ronnie, received a new kidney at the C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor on Monday.

Rally pin sale to benefit military families

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Bikers who will be taking a cruise in the Grayling area this June are raising funds to take care of the soldier's families while they are deployed.

A commemorative rally pin has been created for the second-annual AuSable Adventure Rally, which will be held June 17-19.

Proceeds from the rally will benefit the Michigan National Guard Family Support Fund, which was created to provide financial assistance for the families of service members serving in war zones.

"It's critical that these families that are left behind our taken care of and that's what this is all about," said Keith Miles, co-owner of Fay's Motel who is coordinating the pin sales.

Last year, the inaugural AuSable Adventure Rally, which is based at Wellington Farm Park, raised funds to move the historic Stittsville Church to the farm park.

Larry Amprim, an AuSable Adventure Rally planner, said he was looking for a cause to support to help promote the ride and was inspired by Miles, who raised \$6,000 for the Family Support Fund through the sale of AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association trail maps last year. "We wanted something unique



Photo by Staff Sgt. Linda Teeple

The AuSable Adventure Rally pin features 1st Sgt. Dave Bobenmoyer, rally planner Larry Amprim, Staff Sgt. Viki Harding and her daughter, RayAnn Harding.

that would allow this to perpetuate itself and this tugs at your heart strings," Amprim said.

Camp Grayling and Department of Military and Veterans officials in Lansing have welcomed the rally pin initiative with open arms since the welfare of families is the number one concern of the troops.

"I know you are aware of the needs of our National Guard families and applaud your effort," Col. James R. Chief of Staff for the Michigan Army National Guard said in a letter to rally organizers. "The war on terrorism has been difficult on all

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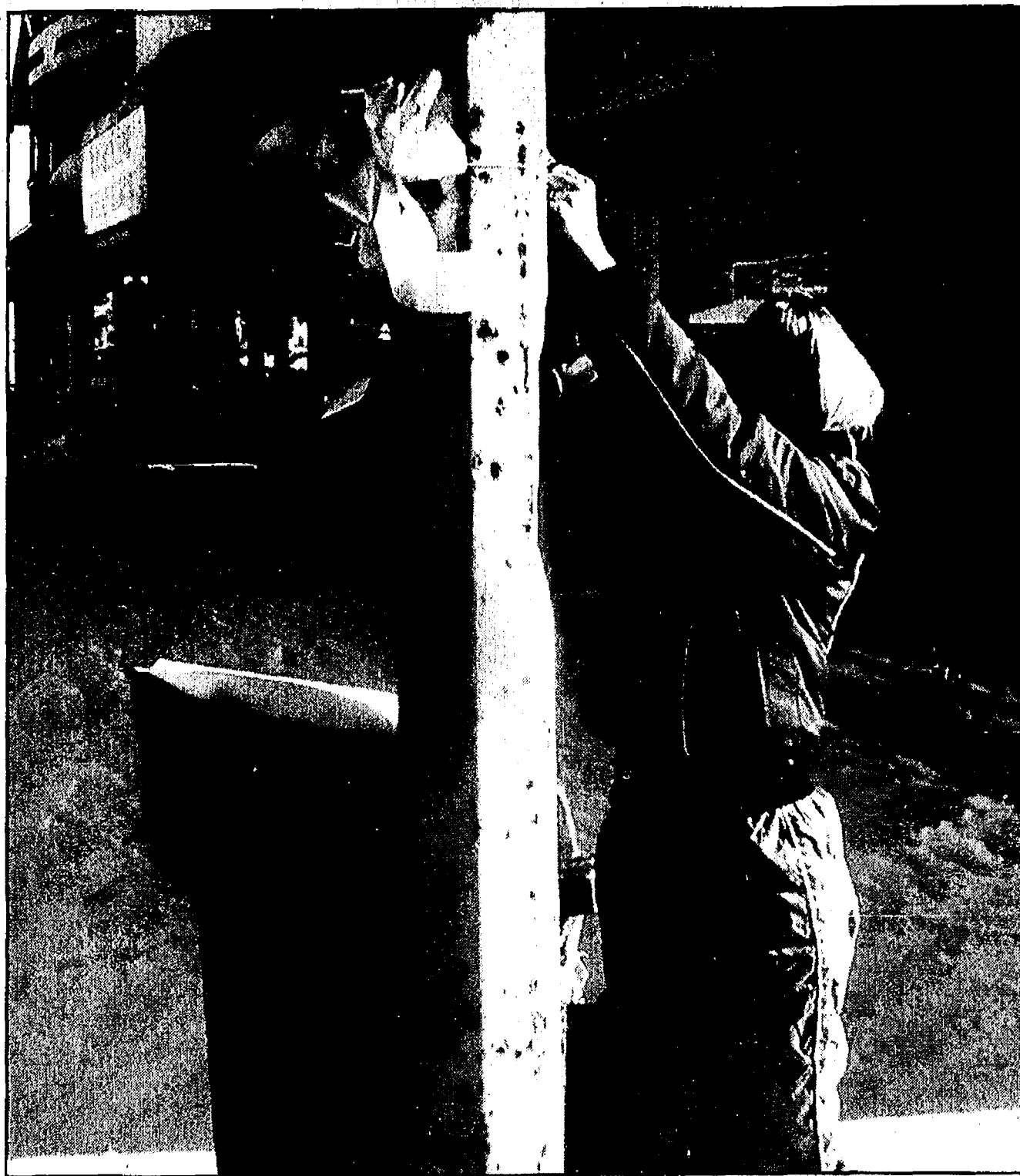
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TIE A YELLOW RIBBON



Grayling Promotional Association member April Bertran, who is a co-owner of Northern Lawn and Home Care, placed yellow ribbons on the utility poles downtown last week to welcome home the 1440th Engineer Detachment and to show support for the 1071st Maintenance Company, which departed from Grayling on Monday.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling girl receives new kidney from dad

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damage. Amanda underwent an initial surgery to correct the problem when she was just 5-months old when the family lived in Wichita, Kansas. She has been through dozens of other surgical procedures, Ron said.

After moving to Grayling in 1997, the McClellan family

learned at the C.S. Motts Hospital that Amanda should not have had surgery until she was 5-years-old since medicine and natural growth may have corrected the problem.

Extensive scarring has damaged Amanda's left kidney, and surgeons have constructed a new bladder using her small intestine.

With the exception of a two-year period, Amanda has never gone more than seven weeks without a hospital stay of one to three months and has always been on antibiotics.

"Every time, she just kicks back," Ron McClellan said. "She never quits."

Officials at C.S. Motts Hospital, where Amanda has touched the lives of physicians and staff, prioritized giving her care due to multiple health complications.

Ron is giving a kidney to his daughter because the two share

the same blood type and the tissue of their organs are similar.

Ron underwent a three to four hour operation to remove his right kidney from his body. It was expected to take 10 to 12 hours to place the kidney in Amanda's body.

"To me, it's my life's purpose getting her well and getting her where she needs to be," Ron said. "I am not doing anything that any other mom and dad would not do for their child."

Mary McClellan, Amanda's mother, was concerned about the welfare of both her husband and child, but said the family is hoping for the best.

"I'm anxious to get it done so she can be healthy, but I am a little nervous," Mary said.

Students at the Grayling Elementary School have held a pop can drive in order to buy gas cards for the McClellan family and have held other funds drives.

People from the Grayling

Baptist Church, where the McClellan family are members, have also been supportive. Ron also credits the employees and supervisors at the Lear Plant in Roscommon, where he works as a welder, for being supportive of Amanda and the family.

"Every time you think your down and out for the count, here comes another new blessing and that's a good feeling," he said.

Cheryl Starr, a deli employee at Glen's Markets, has been selling blue ribbon magnets which say: "Amanda's Dream Team."

Starr, her co-workers and friends who have been inspired by Amanda, are holding a spaghetti dinner from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 26 at the AuSable Primary School. Admission to the dinner is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

"I have a big heart and I thought I could pull this off," Starr said.

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Maintenance Company, was pleased to see the people come out to see the troops off since several members of the unit are community leaders.

"The community support really means a lot because the 1071st is a hometown unit," Teddy said. "It's gratifying to see all of the people here."

Knowing that her husband would be surrounded by some familiar faces provided some comfort for Peterson.

"He's going with everybody he knows, and that's a good thing," Peterson said.

While troops had mixed emotions, Brig. Gen. Jerry Cannon

reassured them that their families would be taken care of.

"You must know that this community will take care of it's own," Cannon said.

Vicki Green, a counselor at the AuSable Primary School, said a support group for children of the troops would continue to meet.

"It's a chance for students to get together and get their feelings out and build their coping skills," Green said.

Spc. Kyle Vogel, a member of the 1440th Engineer Detachment, got to see his 3-month old son, Jacob, for the first time last Thursday.

"I'm just glad to be home and I can't wait to be all the way

home," said Vogel of Gladwin.

Cpl. Rodney Adkinson of the 1440th, who also served a tour of duty in Operation Desert Storm, said mortar and rockets being fired at their camp was part of daily life while in Iraq.

"We met a lot of friendly Iraqi people that loved it that we were there, but a lot of time you didn't know where the danger was at," Adkinson said. "We just looked out for each other, took care of each other and brought everybody home safe."

The Family Support Group for Camp Grayling soldiers who are deployed is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the American Legion Hall.

Rally pin sale to benefit military families

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the military services, but particularly trying on the families of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard whose members are deployed in the Middle East."

Several hundred rally pins have been sold to non-bikers, and from people as far away as Arizona and Canada, who have bought the pins after learning about the sale through motorcycle publications. The AuSable Adventure Rally is primarily geared toward owners of BMW Motorcycles, but bikers with other types of motorcycles are urged to participate in the event.

Ilene Geiss-Wilson, executive director of the Grayling Visitors

Bureau, has a unique perspective on the rally pin sale since her husband, Steve Wilson, departed with the 1071st Maintenance Company on Monday.

"They not only support area businesses but they're supporting our area families which I think is important," Wilson said.

A total of \$9.60 from the sale of every \$10 pins goes into the Family Support Fund.

For bikers who want to participate, the rally fee is \$35 per person for pre-registration by June 1, 2005 and \$45 per person after June 1. If a person buys a pin, \$10 is taken off the registration fee.

Pins are available at the Grayling Visitors Bureau, the

Grayling Eagles Club and Spike's Keg of Nails.

Donations can also be sent to the AuSable Adventure c/o Grayling Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 217, Grayling, MI 49738.

Rally organizers plan to send a pin to Tonight Show Host Jay Leno, as well as Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, and Rep. Matt Gillard, D-Alpena.

Amprim said they hope to raise between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to help ensure the welfare of soldiers' families.

"We have committed to this for the next five years to continue to raise money for the family support fund," Amprim said.

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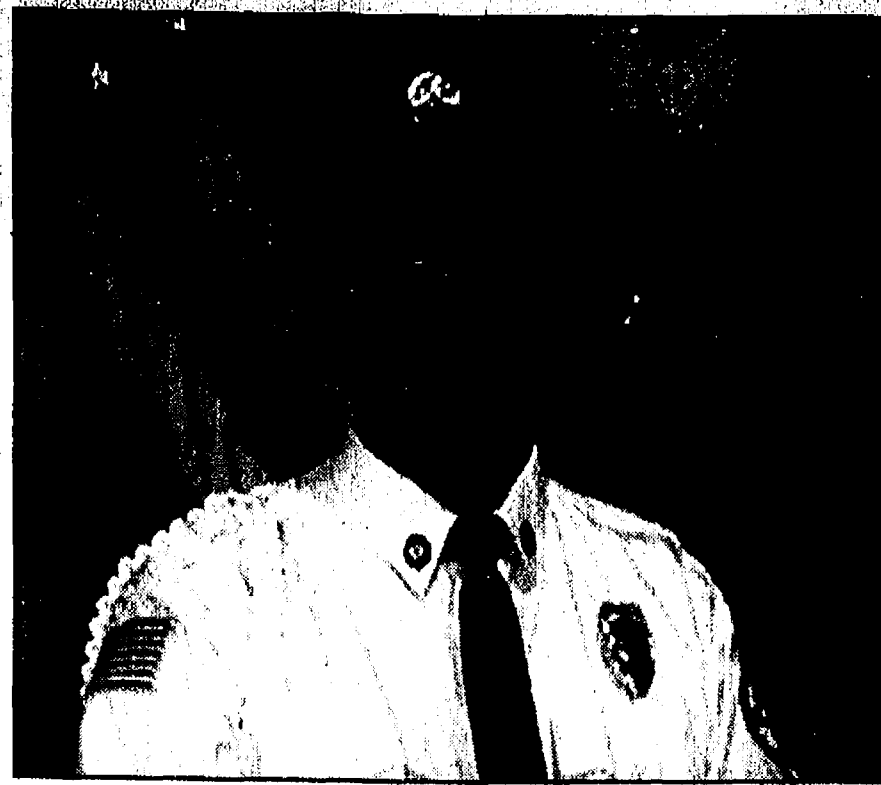


Photo by Josh Greenberg

Fire Inspector Steve Wilson (left) and Firefighter Calvin Westover (right) left their posts at the Frederic Township Fire Department for eighteen months during their tour in Iraq.

Two Frederic firemen leave with the 1071st

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

Two Frederic Township Fire Department members, Fire Inspector Steve Wilson and Firefighter Calvin Westover, are headed to Iraq with the 1071st.

During a press conference on January 27 at the Frederic Fire Station, Steve Wilson said he was "ready to get on with it."

"I've been packing and re-packing, trying to get everything into three duffel bags," Wilson said.

Westover was with his family and could not make the press

conference. Westover was deployed on January 31. Wilson needs medical clearance before deployment, due to a recent operation for carpal tunnel syndrome in his right wrist. He expects to ship out on February 10.

Wilson, who has been with the department since 1988, specializes in fire regulations and fire prevention, and visits classrooms to teach children fire safety.

At M.A.T.E.S. he is a squad leader who inspects military vehicles for needed parts. He

has been with M.A.T.E.S. for 20 years, and has been with the National Guard for 24 years.

Assistant Fire Chief Ed Goscicki said that the department would be hurt in daytime runs with Wilson and Westover in Iraq for the next 18 months.

"One of the biggest losses to the public is that Mr. Wilson is a first responder, and lives on the river. It's nice to have a command officer on the scene immediately," Goscicki said.

Wilson turned in his fire equipment on January 1, after learning he was to be deployed.

The department held a going away party for Wilson and Westover on January 16, where they unveiled the ribbon bearing Wilson and Westover's names. The ribbon will be worn on helmets, and appears on the department's fire trucks.

Wilson said that members of the department will help around his house, and that Chief Doug Pratt is plowing his driveway while he is away.

Wilson, who has two children, said he doesn't believe his kids understand how long he will be gone.

County Clerk reviews school election changes

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The annual Crawford AuSable School Board election will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2005. There have been some changes to how the election will be conducted, according to Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore.

For those interested in running for the school board, a nominating petition containing a minimum of 40 signatures and an Affidavit of Identity must be filed with the County Clerk by Tuesday, February 8, at 4:00 p.m.

Candidates may also choose to pay a non-refundable \$100 fee -- and complete the Affidavit of Identity -- in lieu of the petition.

This year marks the first time that all school elections will be held within the precinct boundaries established by the Election Coordinating Committee. This committee consists of the County Clerk, Township and City Clerks and the School Board Manager (see sidebar).

Voters will no longer vote at the school, but at the their normal voting jurisdiction.

The Crawford AuSable School District has opted to hold their elections each May, and as all elections are now set on standardized dates, it is believed that this will make it easier for voters to remember when elections are held.

Most citizens will vote in the same polling places for every election.

Crawford County has eleven precincts for the Primary and General Elections in the seven Commissioner District Regions. There are now eight precincts identified for the Crawford AuSable School elections per state requirement, which required no more than 2,999 voters per precinct.

The nine bill package was augmented by fifteen "trailer bills" which were signed into law on July 23, 2004.

"I am confident there will be more to follow as we work through this in-depth process.

The Township, City Clerks and the School have all been very cooperative," said County Clerk Moore.

Each voter will receive a new voter card with the newly designated school precinct sometime in March.

"We hope to have an even better turn-out for school elections than in past years," Moore said.

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We also would like to Thank all of those businesses that used their signs to welcome the unit home! What a great community we have with your show of support!

We want to also say "Welcome Home" to the 1440th firefighters who returned last Thurs. And we would like to thank their FRG for leaving up the ribbons and decorations all over town. We appreciate it!

And last, but not least, we would like to Thank all of our families and friends who have helped the soldiers and their families endure day to day life over this past year!

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Kalkaska man killed in sled crash

A 42-year-old Kalkaska man died Friday after crashing a snowmobile into a tree.

Crawford County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the accident at 11 a.m. Friday after Gary Edward Farr hit a tree off of the Blue Bear Snowmobile Trail in Frederic Township while he was traveling at a high rate of speed.

Farr's brother was riding with

him and was assisted by other snowmobilers in contacting the 911 Emergency Center for Crawford County.

Farr was pronounced dead at the scene and deputies said alcohol, speed and unfamiliarity with the trail were factors in the accident.

Deputies noted that another fatal snowmobile accident occurred in the same location last

year when a young downstate man hit the same tree.

Troopers from the Houghton Lake post of the Michigan State Police, Frederic Township EMS, Frederic Township Snowmobile Rescue, Frederic Township Fire Department, Grayling City and Township Fire, Mobile Medical Response and North Flight EMS Helicopter responded to the scene.

ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Stephanie J. Fitzwater

Young 'progressive liberal' protests at inaugural

(Note: Three busloads of uninvited, unticketed but interested students plus some non-students made an overnight trip from Ann Arbor to Washington for the second inauguration of President George W. Bush. I asked my granddaughter, Stephanie Fitzwater, a senior at University of Michigan, to share her experience with Almanack readers. —Richard L. Milliman)

AS A HISTORY major I wanted to take advantage of a unique opportunity to be part of a historic moment in history. As a progressive liberal, I wanted to exhibit my extreme disgust for President George W. Bush and my utter disdain for his past policies, his current actions, and his future plans.

Once aboard our bus about 6 p.m. Wednesday, trip organizers gave us packets containing maps, list of counter-inaugural events, and page after page explaining our legal rights if arrested. We pulled into a Pentagon parking lot about 8 a.m., for a military security checkpoint. A soldier asked our purpose for being in Washington, and also asked if we were supporters of the president. Our driver answered "No!" but we were cleared and directed to RFK stadium where many charter buses were parked and we headed for downtown Washington on the Metro subway.

My friend, Jenny, and I had teamed up, and we got off at DuPont Circle, several blocks from the Pennsylvania Ave. parade route. We both called our Moms to let them know we had arrived safely, and to soothe any fears of our possible

arrests. Throughout the day, our Moms served as our CNN monitors, giving us cell phone updates of the inauguration from TV coverage, and letting us know of happenings of which we were unaware.

AS WE HEADED toward the parade route and the National Mall, our chosen inaugural vantage point, Jenny and I were unsure what to expect. We thought the diehard protesters on our bus, prepared with vinegar-soaked bandanas in case of tear gas, were a bit over dramatic about how many people would be arrested and probable police violence against protesters. Yet their rantings on the bus made us both a bit anxious.

The closer we got to the security zone, the more eerie and anxious the atmosphere became. Clusters of protesters stood silently with signs making their statements, and clumps of Bush supporters made their way toward the Capitol for the swearing-in ceremony. The city had shut down the Metro Bus system, and used the buses as street barricades. Fences ten feet high marked the edge of the secure zone. With streets blocked and without usual motor traffic, the city was uncomfortably silent. Police and security forces guarded the fences and funneled people toward security checkpoints.

Our security check consisted of a body pat-down, metal detector, and search of our bags and coats. We seemed two polite, middle class, seemingly harmless white females, and security guards treat-

ed us very politely with no hassle.

On the parade route, the reserved bleachers remained empty until shortly before the parade was to begin at 3 p.m. Only a couple of relatively small areas were available for public standing room to view the parade. We could not cross the street or get anywhere near the Capitol without going through security again, so we claimed viewing spots about one row behind other standing people behind the barricade at 13th Street and Pennsylvania, a few blocks from where the inaugural parade would end at the White House. We had a cold wait ahead of us.

SHORTLY AFTER NOON, loudspeakers boomed along the parade route with the voice of President Bush giving his inaugural address. At that point, the whole scene became surreal, as we stood in the cold, watched by a couple of rows of police and military from the other side of the barrier. Helicopters and surveillance craft patrolled overhead. Snipers watched silently from nearly every roof. Units of marines marched up and down the street. Military vehicles, sometimes towing cannons, passed by. Over all this, the booming voice of the president was promising freedoms and democracy, and promoting individual responsibility.

About 2:30 p.m., as vehicles marked with sheriff stars, a giant W, or a Texas Stetson and filled with important people headed up the avenue toward exclusive seating near the White House, we all began to chant and boo and hiss. The

passengers, many outfitted in cowboy hats and fur coats, jeered back, gesturing rudely and mocking our crowd. We finally became energized.

At last the loudspeakers told us the President had left the capitol and was headed our way down Pennsylvania Avenue. A half hour later, the motorcade neared our jammed outpost at 13th Street. After crescendos of chanting and booing, the presidential and vice presidential motorcades sped past. I strained to see beyond the rows of police to identify which limousine carried the president, but by the time I figured it out, it was gone. If we had chosen to "turn our backs" on the president in protest, we wouldn't have had time, because the whole thing for which we stood waiting in the cold for more than three hours was over in just a few seconds.

BY THAT TIME, Jenny and I were ready for warmth and a hot drink, so we tried to leave our frigid stand. Most of the protesters went off to other counter-inaugural activities. As we left our spot behind the barricade, a streaker with Uncle Sam accessories leaped over the barricade and into the arms of waiting police. Heightened emotions after the passing of the motorcade, plus the police action apprehending the streaker, told us we should get out of that area, just in case.

A nearby exit from the secured area was guarded by more police in riot gear, and we decided that nearby protesting was getting too physical for us. A

woman in furs and pearls tried to pull rank for her family to exit but the policeman refused, and warned that tear gas would be used if necessary. Jenny and I aimed for a different exit, headed to find something to warm us, because we were having trouble feeling our toes.

As we walked past the White House and around the end of the parade route, we saw a group of protesters being herded together by police in a situation that to us looked dangerous. We passed other protesters making their point in other, more subtle ways. We crossed an intersection, and saw through some fencing what we presumed to be tear gas clouds blowing from the area from which we had just come. We even managed to see a bit of the parade at the end of the parade route, which we noticed was not guarded by multiple rows of police and the military, but only an occasional police officer along the curbside. We spent the rest of our time locating food and warmth, and visiting memorials.

About 8 p.m., we rejoined a growing group of bus mates, and shared stories of the day and our own individual adventures. No one on our buses was arrested, but a few were pepper sprayed and some witnessed cases of overzealousness by police.

Once on the bus, Jenny and I both were out cold and completely exhausted, sleeping until we reached Ann Arbor about 10 a.m. on Friday.

I was glad to be back, but was even more glad that I had gone.

WASHINGTON NOTES

by Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Social Security: A Pact with America

Since its inception in 1935, Social Security has protected our seniors against poverty, assisted the disabled, and assured young people of a more secure future. It is a pact that we made with the American people to help ensure economic stability in the face of retirement or disability. We have kept that pact for 70 years.

Some 47 million Americans receive Social Security benefits. It is the primary source of income for two-thirds of its recipients, and it is the only source of income for one-fifth of its recipients. It has helped to dramatically reduce the poverty rate among seniors.

Many things have changed since Social Security was first created 70 years ago. A large number of baby boomers are now nearing retirement, and Americans are living longer lives. When Social Security was created in 1935, there were about 40 workers paying Social Security taxes for every retiree receiving benefits. Today, there are three workers for every retiree. By 2030, there will be

two. As these trends continue, we need to look at long-term strategies to protect the solvency of the Social Security Trust Fund.

President Bush and others have said recently that there is a "crisis" in the Social Security system and have called for partial, privatization of Social Security, or permitting individuals to put a part of their Social Security taxes in personally-owned accounts and invest those funds in our stock market. However, if our interest is protecting Social Security, privatization is not the answer.

While it is clear that we need to make some adjustments to protect Social Security for the long term, it is disingenuous to say that the trust fund is facing a crisis. The Social Security Administration estimates that the Social Security Trust Fund can pay full benefits through 2042.

The Congressional Budget Office, a nonpartisan organization that analyzes budget matters for Congress, estimates the Social Security Trust Fund will

be solvent even longer, until 2052. And even if no adjustments were made, about 80% of the benefits could still be paid after 2052. In fact, many experts believe Social Security is on more sound footing today than it has been for most of its 70-year history.

The President has suggested that privatizing Social Security will prolong its life. The opposite is true. Privatization would not only fail to address the future shortfall, but it would compound the problem.

Under the current system, in 2018 the Social Security Administration will begin paying out more money in claims than it receives in revenues, i.e., it will begin utilizing the trust fund built up expressly for this purpose. If we instituted privatized accounts as the President proposes, the trillions of dollars going into those accounts would not go into the Social Security system, thus dipping into the Social Security Trust Fund earlier. The administration has said that the current system is "headed for an iceberg." In fact, their plan creates the iceberg and makes us hit it sooner.

Moreover, if we privatize Social Security, we would introduce gambling into the system: there will be winners, and there will be losers. Social Security would no longer be a guarantee for all Americans, but a jackpot for the lucky. For the first time

in 70 years, we would fail to keep our pact with all of the American people.

We do need to take some action to ensure that Social Security is in sound condition for future generations of Americans. Fortunately, because the Social Security Trust Fund will not face a problem for at least three decades, we have time to plan for its long-term solvency, and we can do so on a bipartisan basis.

In the 1980's, we looked ahead and saw a need to adjust the Social Security system. At that time, Congress examined all of the options and made modest changes - on a bipartisan basis - to help protect Social Security without creating risk or uncertainty for all Americans. At that time, we acted with only a few months before the Social Security Administration would need to access the trust fund, whereas today we have three decades.

We acted carefully and thoughtfully in the 80's, and we should do so again.

Social Security was intended to be a guarantee to American workers: it will be there, and it will be there for everyone. We have kept that promise for 70 years, and we can continue to do so if we take time once again to make thoughtful, bipartisan adjustments to the system. It is a pact worth keeping.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

EDITOR

Get your pets spayed and neutered

To the editor:

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County has received a grant to help spay and neuter pets in our community. A few weeks ago we started placing information in the paper asking those who could not afford to pay for the surgery to call. Only a few have bothered to make that call.

I am confused. Many of you call the shelter trying to give us the puppies and kittens your pet has had, often we are full and can't take them. I see you at Glen's giving them away several days a week. Many of them wind up at the shelter. Puppies and kittens are found dumped along roads, in people's mail boxes, left in front of the shelter's gates, and in dumpsters just to mention a few places. All of your puppies and kittens get homes you say? What kinds of homes do they go to? Can you honestly say you know? Are they spayed and neutered or do they also add to the pet overpopulation problem when they are big enough.

You own a male dog or cat so why should you get them neutered, he's not having babies. True, but is he making babies for someone else to deal with? Does your male cat go outside? We know what he's off doing and it's probably not catching mice. Has your dog ever gotten loose and

run around your neighborhood?

The smell of a female in heat is pretty irresistible. It still makes you part of the pet overpopulation problem.

Not only will sterilizing your pet stop the unwanted litters, there are many health benefits for your pet associated with the surgery. Spaying and neutering greatly reduces the risk of your pet developing some cancers. You will no longer have to put up with the mess of a female in heat or the crying and whining that goes along with the urge to breed. Male cats tend to stay closer to home and run less risk of being killed or injured on the road.

In the year 2003, 126,676 dogs and puppies and 116,812 cats and kittens wound up in Michigan's 176 shelters and humane societies. Of those 56,972 dogs and puppies were euthanized, 16,321 cats and kittens were euthanized. Those are some pretty sad numbers. I think they say that our society places too little value on the pets we have promised to care for.

Please don't continue to be a part of these statistics. Call Dixie at 348-4117 or 348-9178 and get your pets spayed and neutered. We will all be happier for it.

Dixie Lobsinger
Grayling, MI

Drivers' offers were heart-warming

To the editor:

I had the unfortunate experience of sliding into the ditch while traveling on County Road 612. I was able to contact 911 and AAA who sent out a tow truck to pull me out.

What was amazing was that several drivers stopped to offer me help. While I did not need help, I was touched by the cour-

tesy shown by those drivers.

Since I wasn't able to get their names I am writing to your newspaper in the hope that the kind drivers will know how much I appreciated their gesture. It was truly heart-warming to know that there are people who will offer help to those in need.

Aldo Vagnozzi
Farmington Hills

Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the

author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BRIEFS

VFW #3736 to hold meeting

VFW #3736 will hold their regular meeting on February 8, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion, Grayling.

St. Mary's Church changes mass time

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, will hold Mass on Saturday, February 5, at 4:30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. due to the church Mardi Gras Celebration.

St. Francis to hold pancake supper

St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West, Grayling, will be sponsoring its Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 8, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the door. At the conclusion of the supper the public is invited to join the parish at a simple communion service in the church.

COA to sponsor guest speaker

Guest speaker, Bob Knight will be presenting information on the issue of the Homestead Tax and the Home Heating Credit at the Crawford County Commission on Aging on Thursday, February 3, at 5:15 p.m. Knight will be showing how more seniors qualify for credit then they believe they do. For more information or if you need transportation contact Elouise Mize at 989-348-7123.

Crawford County Democrats to hold meeting

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Court House. Public is welcome.

Organ transplant support group to meet

The Organ Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will meet on Thursday, February 10, at 6 p.m. in the boardroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital, Gaylord, with guest speaker, Pat Thornton, Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program Counselor. All interested parties especially recipients and their families are invited. For more information call Bev at 989-983-4188.

VFW service officer to interview veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on February 4, 18 and 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to interview veterans and/or their dependents on veterans benefits. Call 989-348-8709 if you have any questions.

Grayling Eagles to hold Burger Bash

The Grayling Eagles Burger Bash will be held on Saturday, February 5, and 26 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dine in or carry out, 348-5287, Public welcome.

Hair drive to benefit "Locks of Love"

Springs Wood Products will be sponsoring a hair drive to benefit "Locks of Love." Judy Kominick (owner) and Mitch Reynolds (stylist) from 5th Street Salon in Roscommon will be on the premises to help with your pony tail donations for a worthy cause. Locks of Love is a not-for-profit organization that provides recipients with a custom vacuum-fitted hairpiece made entirely of donated human hair. Please call Mary McQuade for more information and to register at 348-2871, ext. 11.

Mikenauk begins rehearsals for spring concert

In preparation for its Spring Concert, members of The Mikenauk Chorale will begin weekly rehearsals on Thursday, February 3 at 7 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of The North, at 149 W. Robinson Lake Road, located south of Roscommon between State Highway 18 and County Highway 100. Mikenauk Director Doug Armstead urged members to arrive by 6:30 p.m. to receive their music packets prior to the 7 p.m. rehearsal.

Armstead said the Spring Concert will be a performance of composer John Rutter's music, and will feature Rutter's "Gloria." It is tentatively set for mid-May.

Ticket and program information, the concert site and performance time will be announced soon.

Anyone interested in joining the Chorale should contact Director Doug Armstead, 989-915-9734 or Chorale President June Karjalainen, 989-275-4287 as soon as possible.

An area-wide choral group, The Mikenauk Chorale is a non-profit organization. Proceeds from its concerts go to provide music scholarships or to help area youth music programs. The Chorale is associated with Kirtland Community College, and members may receive college credits for their participation.

Motorists are helping improve road conditions in Michigan with MDOT's pothole hotline

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is making a toll-free number available to motorists for easy identification of trouble spots on state roads. Reports of potholes on state roads also can be e-mailed to the department. MDOT says that reports of potholes on state roads (M, I and US roads only) will be routed to the nearest MDOT Transportation Service Center (TSC).

"The hotline is a convenient and effective way for citizens to help us identify potholes that need to be repaired on state roads," said State Transportation Director Gloria J. Jeff. "We are committed to fixing potholes as quickly as possible in order to ensure a smoother, more dependable ride for everyone who uses roads maintained by MDOT."

Information about how potholes are formed is available on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov.

To report a pothole, call 888-296-4546, around-the-clock, seven days a week, or use the "Report Potholes" link on the MDOT Web site. Those reporting pothole locations are asked to provide the route name (M, I or US designation), the county, the nearest community, and the closest cross street or interchange. Potholes on non-state roads should be reported to local road commissions since MDOT does not have jurisdiction over roads that are not part of the state system.

"We appreciate the help of local residents to identify potholes on state roads," said North Region Engineer Brian Ness.

Law enforcement experts warn about Great Lakes shoreline security

by Laleah Fernandez
Capital News Service

Local law enforcement agencies face serious challenges securing the Great Lakes due to lack of resources and demand for heightened shoreline security, which one expert calls Michigan's Achilles' heel.

"We have to be creative with our manpower," said Emmet County Sheriff Peter Wallin, who is responsible for patrolling 68 miles of shoreline in Northern Michigan. His department is accountable for a number of areas that are potential security threats, including access from the Canadian border, Mackinac Island, an Upper Peninsula gas pipeline and 10,400 acres of inland water.

Emmet County has used part of its federal homeland security grant to pay overtime to deputy sheriffs patrolling vulnerable areas.

Michigan Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Terry Jungel said there is added pressure on sheriffs to patrol the lakes while dealing with limited financial resources.

"Fluid borders are our biggest challenge," said Jungel, who refers to the lakes as "the Achilles' heel of Michigan."

The state's 83 county sheriffs' departments are responsible for marine safety enforcement on the Great Lakes and inland rivers and lakes. Often, the sheriffs' departments collaborate with the Coast Guard and State Police to secure the shoreline.

"We're patrolling these areas 12 hours a day, seven days a week," said Wallin, who suggests that the public play a large

er role in security issues.

"We can't do it alone. The citizens are our eyes and ears."

Mackinac County, in the Upper Peninsula, views the Mackinac Bridge as the county's biggest security challenge, even with federal assistance for homeland security, according to State Police Lt. Curtis Robertson of the St. Ignace post.

"The bridge is our sole contact and transportation means," said Robertson, who works closely with bridge authorities and the Coast Guard to protect it.

"If that bridge were taken out, it would have a huge economic impact."

Michigan has received federal funding for bridge security. The money was used to increase patrols in and around the bridge for added visibility, according to Curtis.

Curtis also suggests that the public have emergency and communication plans in case the bridge is threatened or damaged.

Alpena County Undersheriff Terry King agrees that the Lake Huron shoreline is his county's biggest security challenge, and his department collaborates with other agencies for preventive and emergency response efforts.

"Our biggest concern is the waterway because it has direct access to the heart of the county," King said.

"Our goal is to make the public aware of what we are doing to keep them safe and let them know that we are working for them."

LIBRARY NEWS

Lovells Community Library Senior Book Buddy Valentine event, Sweets for the Sweet will take place on Saturday, February 5, 2 p.m., at the Lovells Township Hall. For more information contact Anna Biernat at 344-9343.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club The 50/50 raffle winners for January 30 - of \$25 each: Joy Hodges, Howard Moggo, and John Keir.


Grayling Lions Club The Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle winner of \$100 for week four is Gary Summers of Grayling.

HONORS

Central Michigan University Central Michigan University announces fall semester honors for students from the Crawford County area who earned a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point average: Robert A. Van Nuck, a junior from Frederic; freshman, Kip E. Franklin from Grayling; sophomores, Todd A. Gaffke, and Kenneth J. Heinlein both from Grayling; and seniors, Timothy Ormsbee, Darci Trudgeon and Tiffany M. Kercher, all 3 from Grayling.

Hillsdale College John M. McNamara, a senior, Biology major at Hillsdale College, was named to the Dean's List for the 2004 fall semester. McNamara is the son of Mike and Bev McNamara of Grayling and the grandson of Larry and Mo McNamara of Grayling and Chester and Peggy Burzynski of Bay City.

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Children's Teeth Need Protection During Sports

Imagine a girl's softball game played by energetic kids. Suddenly the batter hits a line drive straight at the pitcher. The pitcher falls to her knees clutching her mouth.

"A mouth guard can protect teeth from a blow from a softball, soccer ball or any other type of sporting equipment," says Robert Dennison, DMD, Chairperson, Dental Policy, Delta Dental Plans Association. "Athletes' teeth are 60 times more susceptible to damage without a mouth guard." Mouth guards are one of the most effective pieces of protective equipment in contact sports.

"Damage to teeth at an early age can have permanent effects and be costly," says Dennison. Treating and correcting the effects of a lost tooth over a lifetime can cost up to \$20,000.

If one of your child's teeth should get knocked out, handle the tooth by its top, not the root. Do not clean or handle the tooth unnecessarily. Insert the tooth into the socket if possible and have the child hold the tooth in place by biting on a clean gauze or cloth. If the tooth cannot be reinserted place it in milk or water. See the dentist immediately. As with most physical injuries, time is critical.

Mouth guards should be worn during the following sports: acrobatics, basketballs, boxing, field hockey, football, gymnastics, handball, ice hockey, lacrosse, skateboarding, skiing, skydiving, soccer, squash, surfing, volleyball, water polo, weight lifting and wrestling.

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The Bible Speaks

Creeping Tyranny

With the public declaration of the death of God by liberals in the 60's came the growth of a new secular religion promoting sex or free love as the hippies called it. But sex is not free of consequences, so the absolute right of life was sacrificed for a woman's right to end her pregnancy by killing her baby.

Our printing ministry started with articles printed in the Avalanche in 1972 opposing abortion and supporting a public referendum against abortion in Michigan. The will of the voters of our state was overturned the following year by the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision of the U.S. Supreme Court defending abortion as a constitutional right. Judicial activism had become tyranny imposed upon all of us.

Now Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" in the case has filed a Motion 60 brief to overturn Roe v. Wade. She is allowed to make that request because federal rules allow an original party to request a ruling be vacated when factual and legal changes make the decision no longer just.

Sodomy has become another sexual right to be promoted in the name of the U.S. Constitution. Churches in Illinois are now required by state

law to hire homosexuals. Failure to do so is called discrimination because it robs sodomites of their first amendment rights. Sodomy in Illinois now have more rights to publicly practice their lifestyle than churches do to privately practice their religious beliefs.

In Newton North High School in Newtonville, Massachusetts two parents were kicked off school property for videotaping events related to "Transgender, Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Day" in which students could attend presentations advocating sodomy. Two of the workshops were entitled, "Out at the Old Ballgame" and "Color Me Queer." The parents said they felt like they were in Nazi Germany when they were threatened with arrest and given one minute to leave school property.

In the city of Philadelphia, five of eleven Christians sharing the gospel at a homosexual event were arrested and spent the night in jail. Later they were charged with felonies including criminal conspiracy, incitement to riot, and breaking the state's hate-crimes law. Some could face up to 47 years in prison.

In San Francisco at a Palo Alto middle school a "career day" handout listed "exotic dancer"

and "stripper" as potential careers. One speaker reminded the students that a "financial windfall awaited" those with the physique and talent for the job.

But will the power of federal judicial oligarchy ever directly threaten our Grayling community? Our will an ordinance protecting us from sexually oriented businesses has already been rendered null and void. This creeping tyranny is already victimizing us. We are in a spiritual war for the soul of our own community as well as our nation. Until Christians become bolder in defending and sharing their faith with others, there will be no end to this downward spiral. You are always welcome to worship with us at Calvary Baptist Church where a strong stand is taken upon God's Holy Word, and where sin and evil are both exposed and opposed. Only God can give us the wisdom and power to resist tyranny. Pastor "B"

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Bassett, Bennett wed



Sara Bassett and Chad Bennett

Sara Bassett and Chad Bennett were married on January 22, 2005 in a small ceremony at the Hanson House Bed and Breakfast in Grayling. Witnesses were Shannon Scharf and Brandon Wood. Parents of the bride and groom are Tina and Jim Bassett and Connie and Ron Bennett. The couple resides in Cedar Springs.

OBITUARIES

Marguerite Welser

Jul. 19, 1906 - Jan. 25, 2005

Marguerite Welser, 98, formerly of Marine City, passed away on January 25, 2005 at Fair Acres Care Center, Armada.

Marguerite was born on July 19, 1906, in Riley Center, to Cyrus and Marion (nee Morden) Tallmadge. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University and was an elementary teacher in the Mt. Clemens School District, Trinity Lutheran School in Mt. Clemens and the East China School District. On June 10, 1931 she married Harold C. Welser in Detroit.

Mrs. Welser was a member of St. Martin Lutheran Church, Marine City. She enjoyed reading, traveling and poetry.

She is survived by her sons: Harold (Rosann) Welser of Moline, Illinois, Donald (Lydia) Welser of Grayling, and James (Marilyn) Welser of Romeo; eleven grandchildren; and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold in 1978, four brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held at Tiffany-Young and Hauss Funeral Home, on January 28, 2005, with Reverend Dr. Gary Glanville officiating. Burial in Hillside Cemetery, St. Clair.

Arrangements by Tiffany-Young and Hauss Funeral Home, in Armada.

Norberta Marie Sawyer

Oct. 12, 1920 - Jan. 25, 2005

Norberta Marie Sawyer, 84, of Grayling, passed away on January 25, 2005.

Norberta was born on October 12, 1920, in Grayling, to William J. and Emma Mary (Meyer) Weiss. She retired from Grayling Mercy Hospital in 1989. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her sisters, Ann Hamlin and Evie (Bob) Stephan both of Grayling, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Glen Sawyer in 1983.

Funeral services were held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, on January 28, 2005. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

Janette Chandonais

Jul. 12, 1945 - Jan. 26, 2005

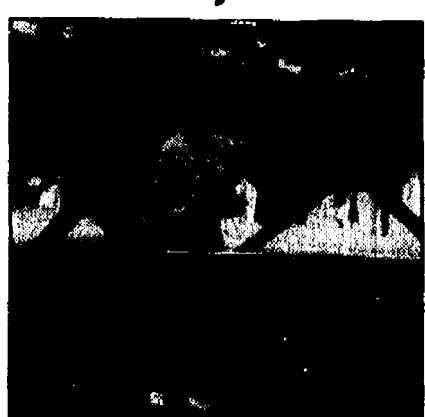
Janette Sharon Chandonais, 59, of Grayling, passed away on January 26, 2005 at her home.

Janette was a Grayling resident for 25 years.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Francis Chandonais; daughters, Karen (Michael) Pupi, Sherry (James) Zinder and Tracy Chandonais; son, Christopher Grunow; nine grandchildren: Tina, Linda, Jennifer, Michael, Branda and Cheryl; and one great-grandson, Alexander.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 29, 2005.

In memory of



Clarence J. Sampler

4/28/18 - 1/25/03

Fondly loved and deeply mourned, heart of hearts. I miss you so. There is a link death can not sever, love and remembrance last forever. Sadly missed by your best friend.

Mary L. Martin

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to

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Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (889) 348-6371.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 72 complaints the week of January 24 - January 30:

Eleven traffic accidents, two accidents-non traffic, two traffic violations, two accident-all other, one motor vehicle vin school bus, five inspections, two civil matter/family disputes, four suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 12 general non-criminal, one structure fire, one run aways, five false

alarms, one burglary home invasion, three larcenies, one larceny-personal property from vehicle, three damage to property, six public peace/disorderly, one hit and run accident, one accident failed to report, two miscellaneous criminal offense, four driving violation/driving while license suspend.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of January 23 - January 30:

Six traffic warnings, one traffic accident, four private property accidents, six assist other departments, one motorist assist, one felony arrest, two misdemeanor arrests, one assault

complaint, one retail fraud complaint, one identity theft complaint;

One speeding violation, eight improper parking citations, one city ordinance violation, one larceny complaint, two violation of public health code complaints, one stalking complaint, two civil complaints, and four unclassified complaints.

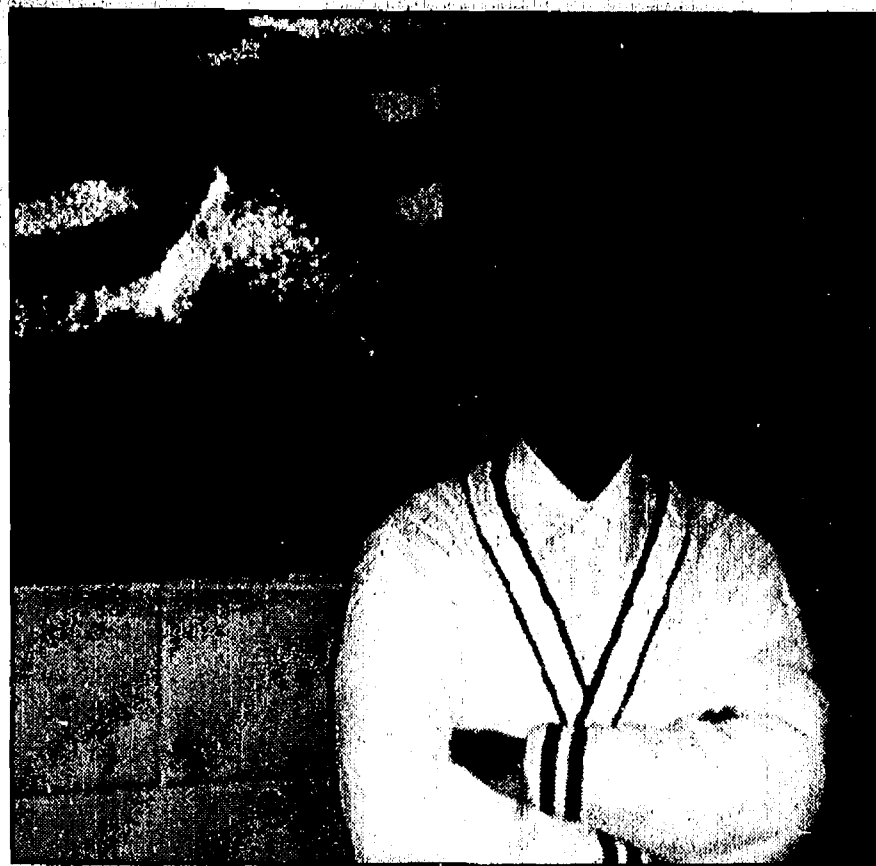


Photo by Josh Greenberg

Tony Nguyen, a Buddhist Monk from Vietnam, suffered oppression at the hands of the Vietnamese Government. He has been in America since 1992.

Stolen bike only small loss for local man

Buddhist monk
Tony Nguyen
walks without
complaint

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

On his second day doing custodial work at the Devereaux Memorial Library, Tony Nguyen had his bike stolen. That same day, his bike was returned...only to be stolen again the next day.

"I told Tony he could put the bike in the fenced-in area behind the library. Someone went back there and took it," said library manager Bambi Sanderson.

The bike has not been returned, forcing Tony -- whose given name is Thich Tam Hien -- to walk to the library, and his job at Kim's Magic Nails, through the cold January weather.

"I can walk. I don't feel that I am suffering about my job," he said.

Tony's acceptance of the lost bike is in large part due to him having been a Buddhist monk since he was a ten year-old living in his native country of Vietnam.

Monkhood in Vietnam was not looked upon kindly by the communist authority. Starting in 1975, he and other Buddhist monks faced serious threats to their religious practices.

Tony was imprisoned for refusal to leave the small temple

assigned to him in Ho Chi Minh. He served for one year. At the time, more and more monks were being forced to leave their temples, give up their dress, and quit the Buddhist teachings.

In 1989, after years of religious oppression, Tony escaped to the Philippines, where he was approved for refugee status due to what his approval papers state as "oppression in the hands of the authority."

In the Philippines, Tony became the leader of the refugee camp, and a hero. During the Mt. Pinatubo eruption, Tony mobilized the refugee camp to work together to help Filipino victims, and he was awarded by the government for these efforts.

In 1992 he was interviewed by the US Government and approved for citizenship. He moved into a Buddhist temple in Texas, but then left the temple and became a nail technician to make money for himself.

Tony Nguyen's life certainly did not calm down in Texas. While working in a nail salon, a woman named Tessa came in and discovered that Tony was from Vietnam. Tessa's brother, Jimmy had been Missing In Action in Vietnam since 1971. There was no hope he was alive, but it was important for Tessa to have him back.

"She told me her brother's story. She said to come with her to Vietnam to find Jimmy's

body," Nguyen said.

Tony, Tessa, a Vietnam veteran in Ohio named Marvin Durin, and Durin's two kids, headed to Vietnam for a month to find Tessa's fallen brother Jimmy. Durin paid for everything.

Tony said he "was very scared to return to Vietnam" because of how he'd been treated before moving to the Philippines.

Before they left, Tony had called his brother, and his brother had gotten an MIA report from the American MIA office in Hanoi city.

They recovered Jimmy's body in Asao Aluoi, a part of Hue City, in central Vietnam. Together, they returned to Texas so Jimmy could have a funeral among loved ones.

While in Hue City, Tony met a small group of orphans, and once he returned to Texas, he began sending part of his money earned as a manicurist to them.

Eventually, a friend told him to come to Grayling, and so Tony did. He has been serving the community by working at the

Devereaux Memorial Library.

"He is a fantastic worker. A fantastic person. He wouldn't bring his bike inside because he didn't want to get snow on the carpet," said library manager Sanderson.

Tony doesn't let the missing bike affect him. He laughs and says he is glad to be in America.

"Freedom is very important. It is most important," he said.

Nguyen plans on moving in with friends at a Buddhist temple in Washington state.

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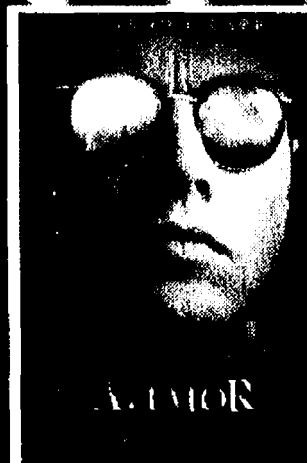
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By Ernie Harwell



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Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 87, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



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Local residents differ on proposed minimum wage hike

by Stefanie Carano
Capital News Service

Talk of raising the minimum wage may force state legislators to choose between low-income workers and those who employ them, triggering a debate on which side would truly help the state's faltering economy.

A new proposal by Michigan Democrats would raise the state's minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.15 an hour.

Federal law mandates that all states must have a minimum wage of at least \$5.15 an hour, but an individual state may increase it above the federal standard.

Under the Democrats' proposal, the new minimum wage would be enforced for Michigan business of all sizes. Republicans oppose the measure, saying it would hurt small business owners.

Both parties say that their stance on the issue would help save Michigan's economy.

"It is a House-Senate initiative and the governor's office is working together with the Democrats, united in increasing minimum wage and creating economic stimulus," said Dan Farough, press secretary for the House Democratic Caucus. "Essentially, a wage increase for low-income workers will result in immediate economic stimulus, with low wage workers spending their money locally on food and clothing."

Tim Zigala, president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, says he understands the democrats' concern about raising the standard of living, but

he believes a higher wage would not guarantee that change.

"The cost increase of raising minimum wage would be passed down to the consumer. Here we rely heavily on tourism, you'd shrink it even more," said Zigala.

Zigala said most employers pay above minimum wage, mentioning that all of the people employed at the chamber earn more than minimum wage.

"Most employees have a 90-day or 60-day review and they may get a pay raise based on that," he said. "I think minimum-wage jobs have a place however, if people gain experience and they're good employees, they get raises."

According to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, as of 2002, 3 percent of Michigan's workers earned minimum wage. Under the Democrats proposal, the number would increase to 16 percent.

Leann Millar, a local convenience store clerk in Grayling, depends on her pay from a locally owned business to support her two-income family.

"The cost of living is a lot higher than wages have gone up," said Millar.

Anne Stephenson, owner of Riverland Gear and Riverland Dry Cleaning in Grayling, employs minimum wage workers at both of her businesses. She predicts that a dramatic increase in minimum wage could lead to harder times and employee cutbacks.

"It will be a real struggle for small businesses," said Stephenson.

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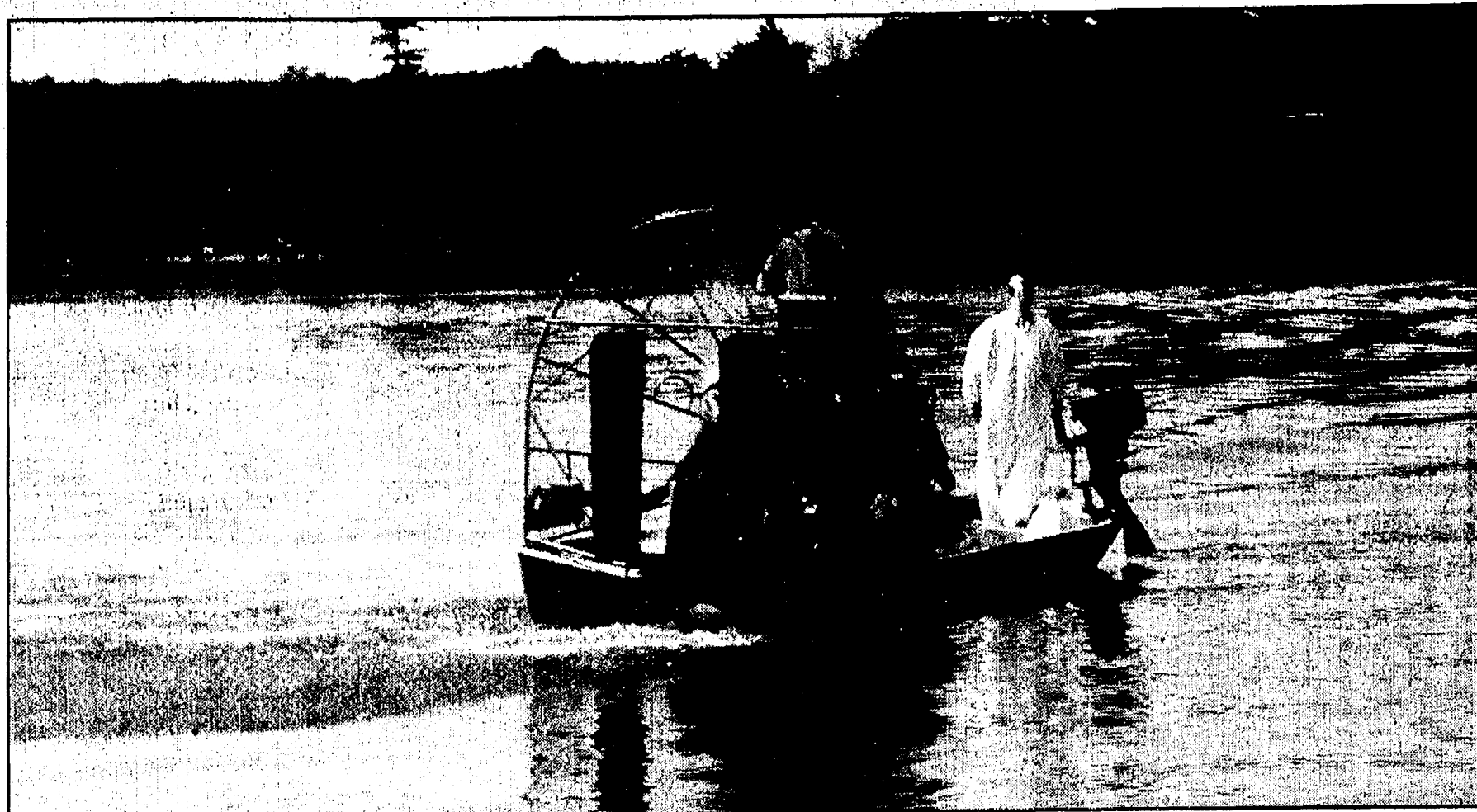
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LMPOA continues lake preservation efforts

The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA), a local nonprofit organization that strives to "preserve and pro-

tect the natural beauty of Lake Margrethe and its surrounding area," continues to be active in its mission after 37 years of operation.

LMPOA was formed in 1968 and has assumed responsibility for monitoring and testing lake water, checking and adjusting the Portage Creek Dam to ensure that court ordered water levels are maintained throughout the year, and, most recently, initiating treatment for the Eurasian Milfoil, an invasive weed.

Members of LMPOA have also been actively involved in testing the lake's water for pH levels, water clarity, E coli, phosphorus, and chlorophyll. LMPOA has also become involved in gypsy moth spraying, checking zebra mussels, observing loon activity, and sponsoring periodic lake clean-ups.

"We encourage all persons

using the lake to pick up and remove trash, both in summer and winter," LMPOA stated in a recent press release.

"The association feels quite fortunate that fishermen, sailors, power boat enthusiasts, swimmers, campers, and all lake users contribute to the cleanliness of the lake and its environs by removing trash, maintaining gasoline engines, and caring for this irreplaceable resource. We are also fortunate to share our shoreline with Camp Grayling and the Michigan National Guard, whose stewardship and environmental concern has contributed to the improved quality of Lake Margrethe and the surrounding area," LMPOA stated. "Other organizations the LMPOA works closely with to maintain and improve the lake's quality include the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association,

the DNR, Grayling Township, Crawford County Commissioners, and the County Marine Patrol."

Although membership in LMPOA is unlimited, voting members must own property between the shores of Lake Margrethe and state or federal land. Any interested persons may join the organization by contributing \$25 to LMPOA at P.O. Box 583, Grayling, MI, 49738.

Membership cards may also be obtained by contacting Joe Porter at (989) 348-9012. Members and other interested persons learn of projects and activities through *The Ripples*, a pamphlet which is published four times annually, or through the LMPOA website, <http://lakemargrethe.homestead.com/index.html>.

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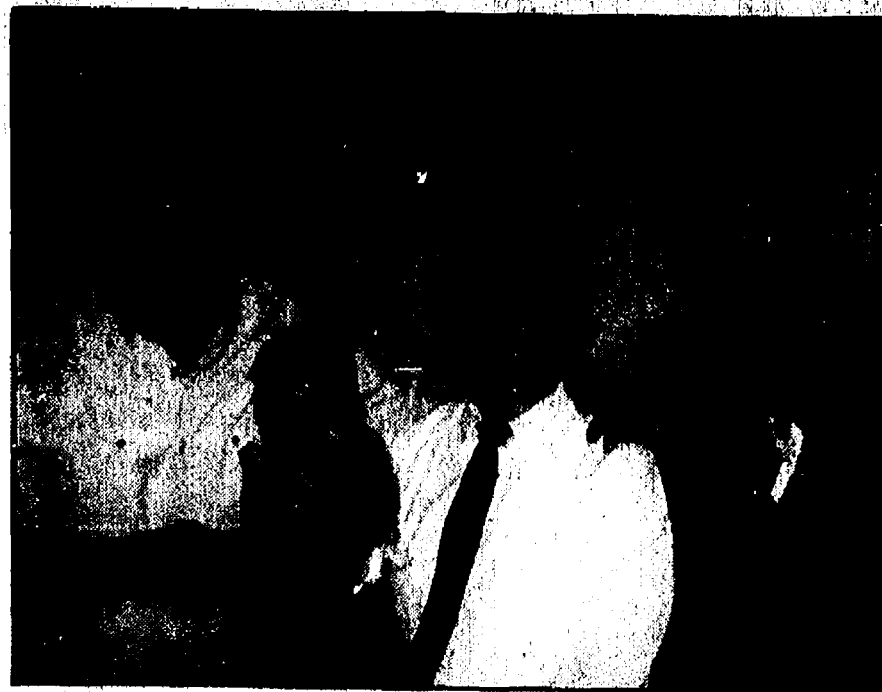
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Four generations - During a farewell party at the American Legion for the 1071st National Guard Unit who is headed to Iraq, four generations of the Thayer family gathered. L to R - Jan Thayer, Alex Thayer, Arthur Thayer and Sergeant Jason Thayer. All three men were in the service. Jason is leaving with the 1071st.

Furst retires from Chemical Bank

Mark W. Furst, branch manager of the Chemical Bank Houghton Lake Heights Office, retired on January 28 after 23 years of service.

Furst began employment with Chemical Bank Grayling Office (originally Northern National) in 1982 as Vice President and Cashier. Other duties and responsibilities over the years included compliance officer, personal loan and mortgage lender. In 1999, he transferred to the Houghton Lake Office to his current position.

Mr. Furst's involvement in the community associations consisted of United Way, Kiwanis, Houghton Lake Merchants Association, Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for



Mark W. Furst, branch manager of the Chemical Bank retires after 23 years of service.

Chemical Bank promotes Niebrzydowski to branch manager

Chemical Bank announces the promotion of Sharon Niebrzydowski to branch manager of the Houghton Lake Heights office. Niebrzydowski brings with her over 20 years of lending experience as well as a diverse background of banking related knowledge.

Niebrzydowski began her career with Chemical Bank as a teller at the Houghton Lake Office. In 1985 she was promoted to Assistant Cashier/Lender and transferred to the Grayling Office. Additional positions held within the bank are Student Loan Lender, Secrecy Officer, and Department Head of mortgage processing.



Sharon Niebrzydowski

BIRTHS

Cindy Lou and Daniel R. Graham II of Roscommon, announce the birth of their son, Nathan Daniel, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on January 26, 2005, at 4:23 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 8 ozs., and measuring 20 inches long.

Veronica Caid of Grayling, announces the birth of her daughter, Abigale Lynn and Lillian Marie, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on January 22, 2005. Abigale was born at 6:37 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 4 ozs., and measuring 18 1/4 inches long. Lillian was born at 6:09 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 1 oz. and measuring 18 inches long.

Mary Elizabeth Kelly and Ronald Earl Ross, Jr. of Roscommon, announce the birth of their son, Mason Alexander, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on January 18, 2005 at 4:20 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 13 ozs., and measuring 19 1/4 inches long.

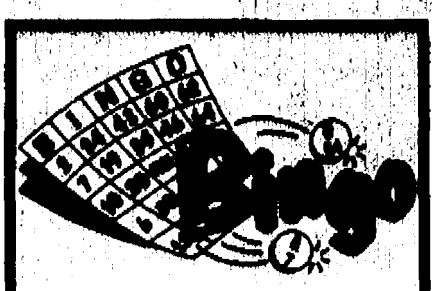
Amanda Felver of Grayling, announces the birth of her daughter, Kaeleene Mae, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on January 17, 2005 at 2:29 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., and measuring 19 inches long.

Danielle Weatherly and Dylan Starks of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Shanarie Lin, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on January 25, 2005 weighing 7lbs., 1 ozs., and measuring 19 inches long.

HONORS

Spring Arbor University Jody Robson of Grayling graduated with a Master of Art/Counseling degree during commencement exercises on October 4, 2004 at Spring Arbor University.

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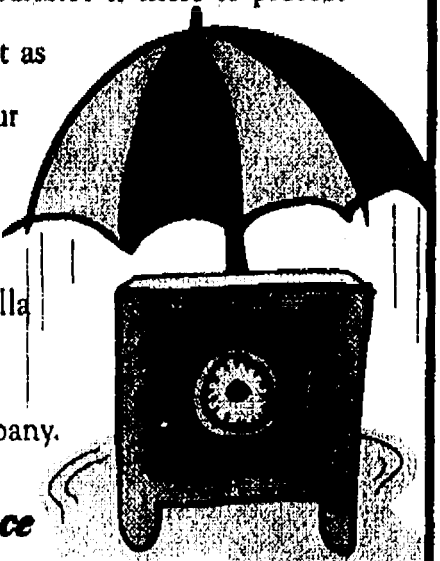
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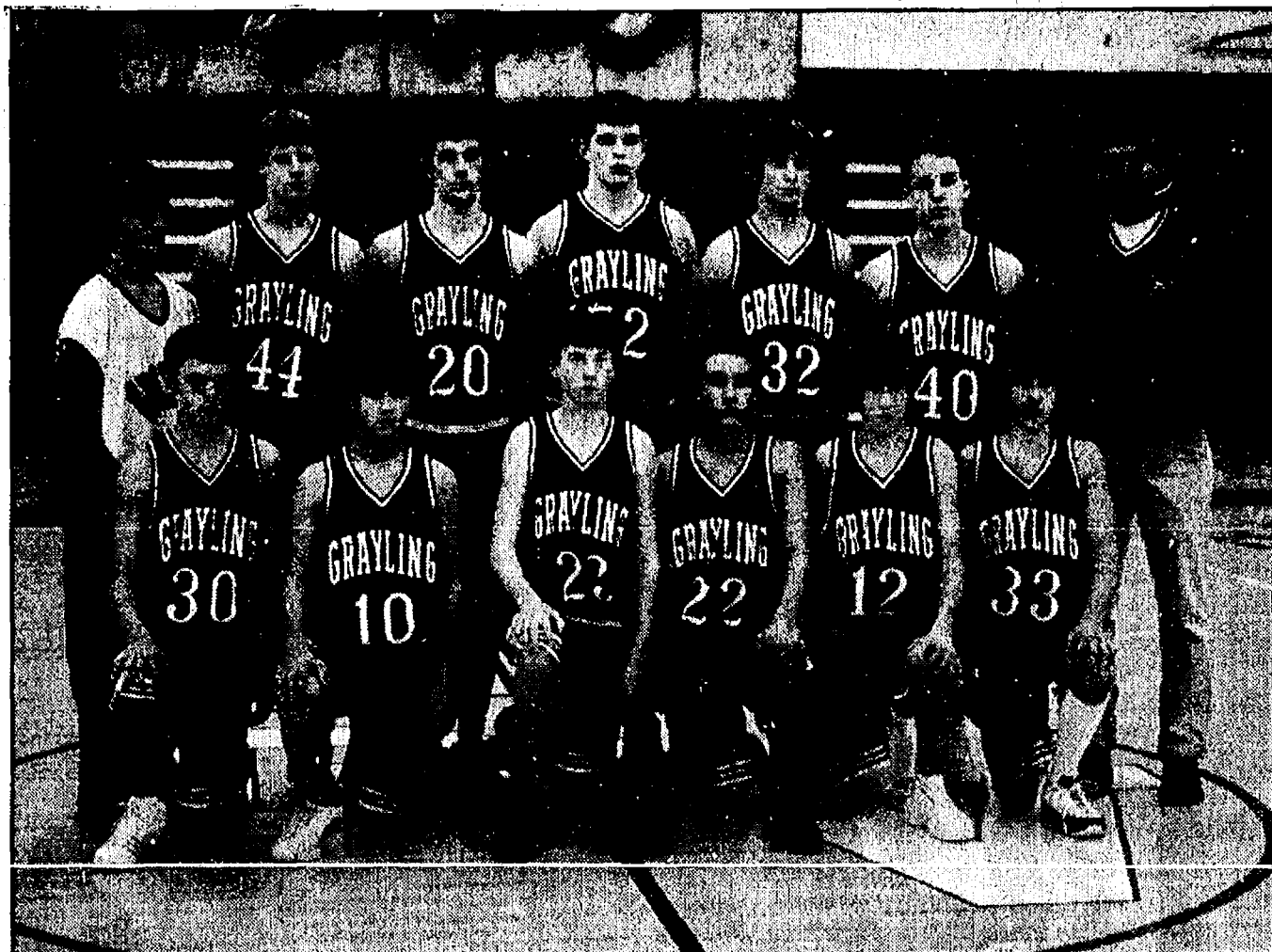
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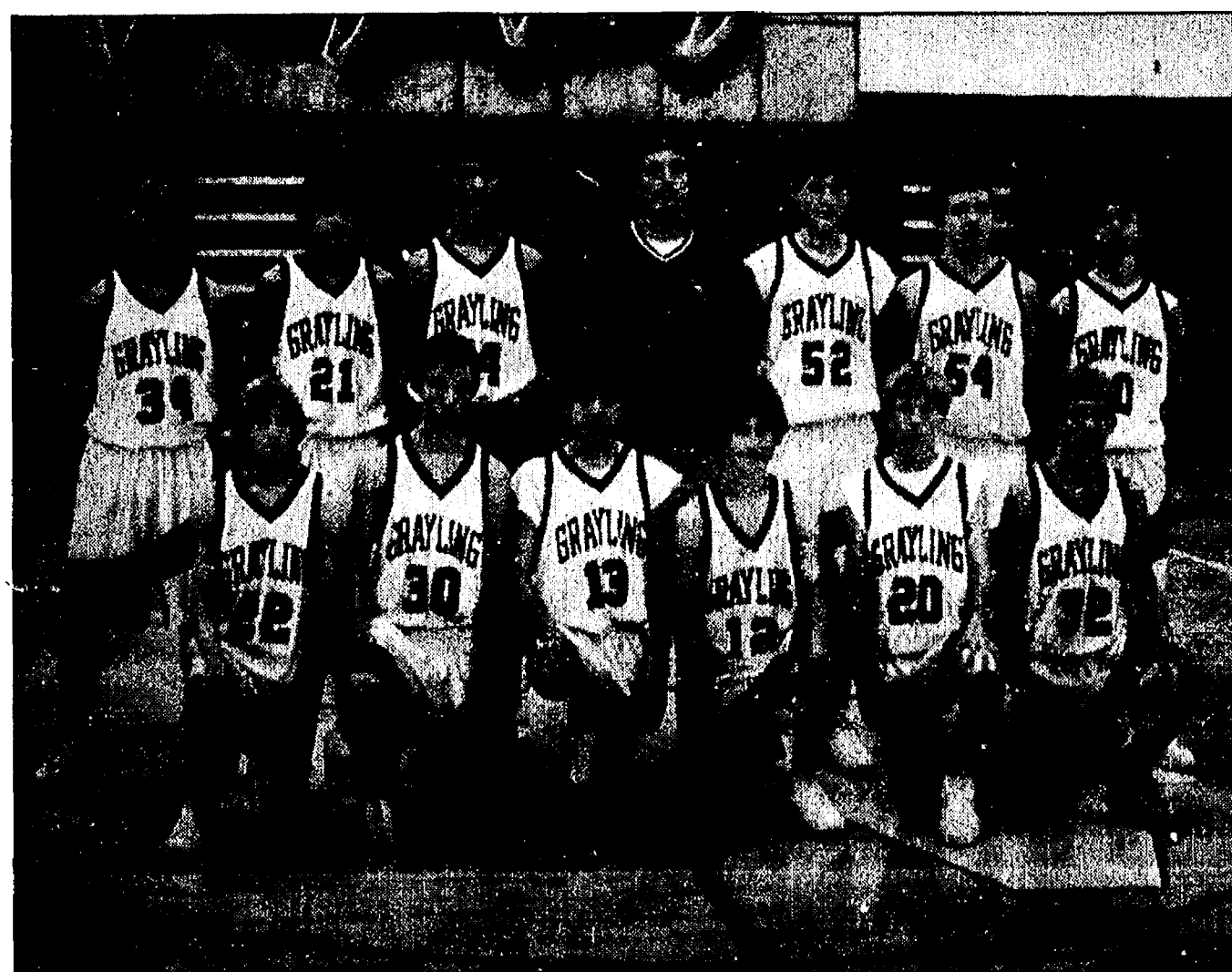
2004-05 Grayling High School Boys Basketball Teams



The 2004-05 GHS varsity boys basketball team: (front, L to R) Matt Swope, Josh Hinkle, Josh Millikin, Gibson Tobin; (back, L to R) Assistant Coach Butch Hayes, Eli VanNuck, Zeke Hayes, Bobby Starks, Jim Boylan, Mike Boylan, Zach Dean, Ryan Feldhauser, Zac Baker, Reagan Schmidt, Coach Rich Moffit.



The 2004-05 junior varsity boys basketball team: (front, L to R) Patrick Belcher, John Bartha, Justin Summers, Mitch Hernandez, Moses Peters, Jason Drudge; (back, L to R) Manager Jason Wilson, Rocky McNamara, Nick Parkinson, Jeremiah Bootz, Doug Slater, Hank Abney, Coach Chris Kucharek.



The 2004-05 freshman boys basketball team: (front, L to R) Andrew Hulbert, Josh Bofysil, Richard Schreiber, Dale Mayhew, Josh Stapleton, TJ Nickerson; (back, L to R) Ryan Cooper, Isaac VanNuck, Andy Curriston, Coach Ben DeHoog, Matt McDonald, Justin Denno, Lucas Pippin.

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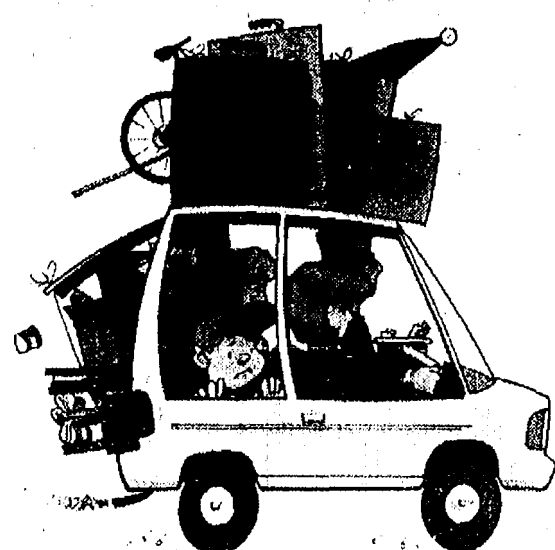
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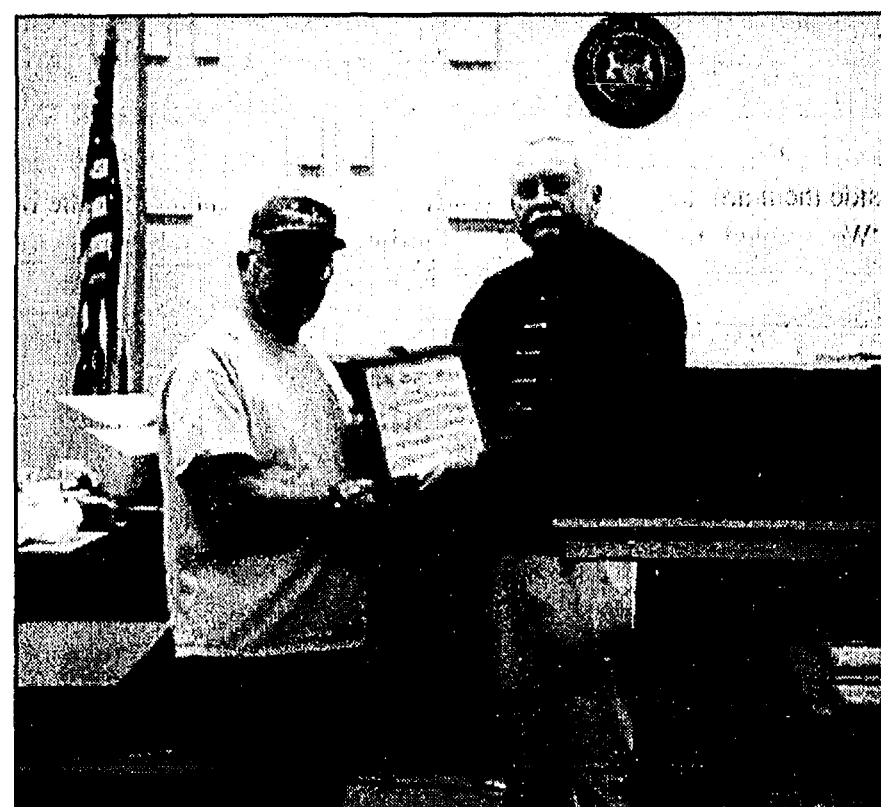
Wakefield Watch



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield kept his promise last week as he personally put up Neighborhood Watch signs in the Sherwood Forest subdivision. In addition, the Crawford County Road Commission has placed another stop sign at Old Dam Road and Nottingham Drive, making the intersection a four way stop in order to slow traffic in the neighborhood. Wakefield said deputies would be checking to see if people are obeying the stop sign and that warnings would be issued, but the ultimate discretion will be left up to the officer.

Officers recognized



Photos courtesy of Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield presented his Officer of the Year Awards for 2004 at a ceremony held last week. Paul Hill, above, who has been with the Crawford County Sheriff's Department for 14 years, was recognized as the corrections officer of the year, and Dean Goss, lower, who has been with the department for 29 years, was honored as the road officer of the year.

HONORS

Central Michigan University
Melissa Wakeley-Sapienza of Grayling has been appointed a graduate assistant at Central Michigan University.

CMU employs more than 420 graduate assistants who assist faculty members with teaching, research or administrative tasks. The students receive a scholarship and stipend.

Wakeley-Sapienza, who earned a bachelor's degree from CMU, is pursuing a master's degree in music education.

Montana State University
Jamie Anderson of Livingston, Montana, was listed on the Dean's List at Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana, for the fall, 2004 semester, with a 3.62 GPA. She is in her senior year in the Education program and will receive her degree in Elementary Education.

Anderson is a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School and is the daughter of Dana Anderson and Steve and Margaret Anderson, all of Grayling.



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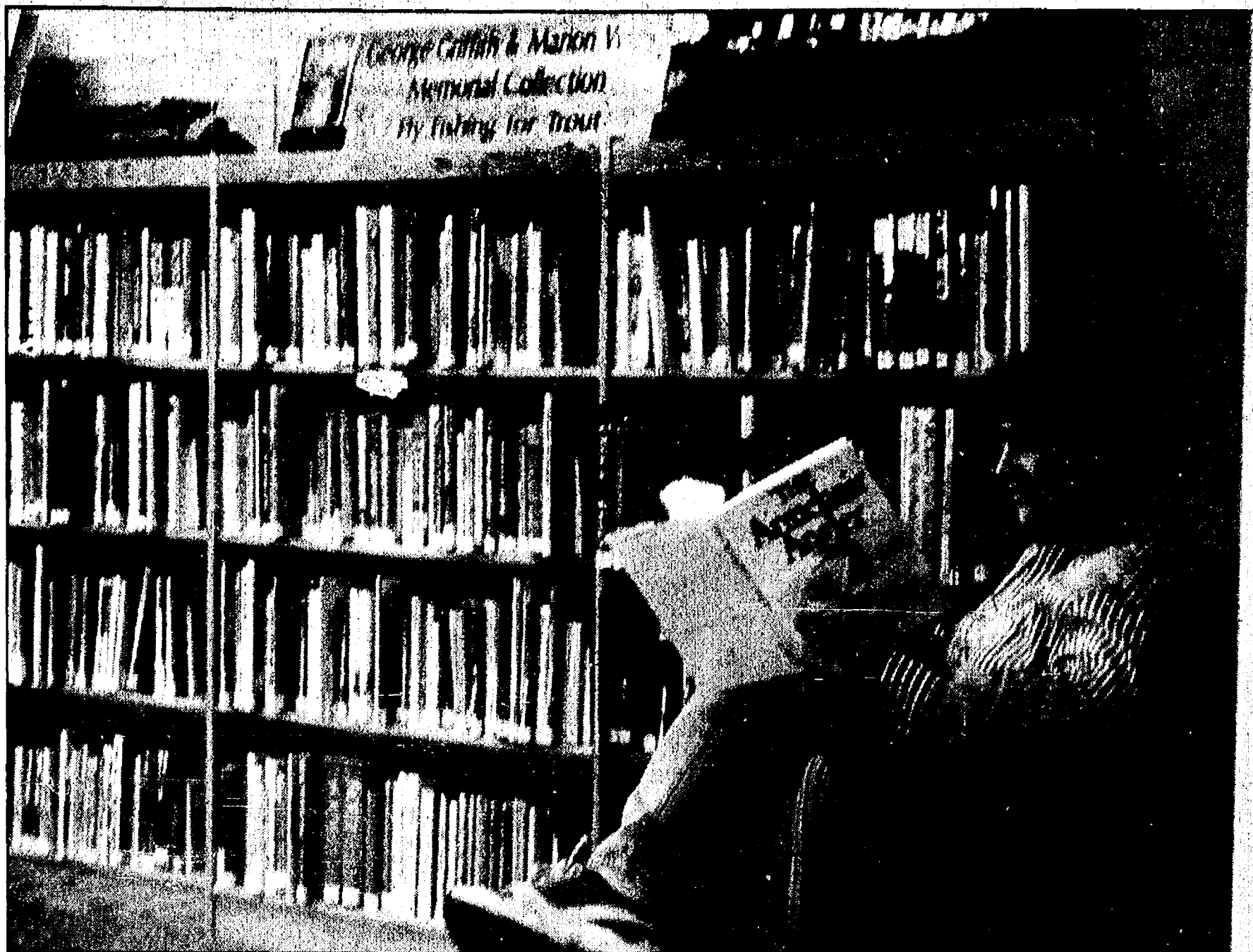


Photo by Josh Greenberg

Library Director Bambi Sanderson enjoys a book in the new fly-fishing library.

Devereaux Memorial Library reorganizes its literary goods

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

The Devereaux Memorial Library has recently gone through a reorganization that Library Director Bambi Sanderson said will make the library more receptive to users.

Audio books, DVDs, CDs and videos are located where the fly-fishing library was located. This will allow for "one-stop shopping", according to Sanderson.

"Our audio books are very popular. A lot of people working production jobs take out 2 or 3 a week," Sanderson said.

A section of new adult books -- both fiction and non-fiction -- sit in the front-center of the library. Beside them are the large print books.

"We wanted to locate the large print books

toward the front so we can help people read the titles. A lot of times the titles of the large print books are in small print," Sanderson said.

Sanderson added that Leslie Devereaux recently donated \$15,000 to help the library adjust to people with challenges.

The George Griffith and Marion Wright Memorial Fly-Fishing Library is now in the far back corner, near a window, a table, and soft chairs for luxurious reading. A local Trout Unlimited Chapter donated two plastic display boxes -- valued from \$300 to \$500 -- which contain an autographed copy of a fly-fishing book by Jimmy Carter, and a model of an AuSable riverboat.

Sanderson said that they will be adding a locking cabinet for the rare books in the Memorial collection.

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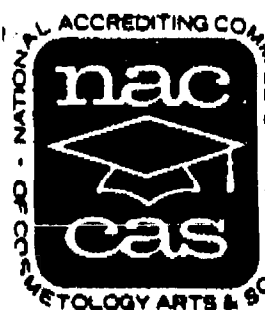
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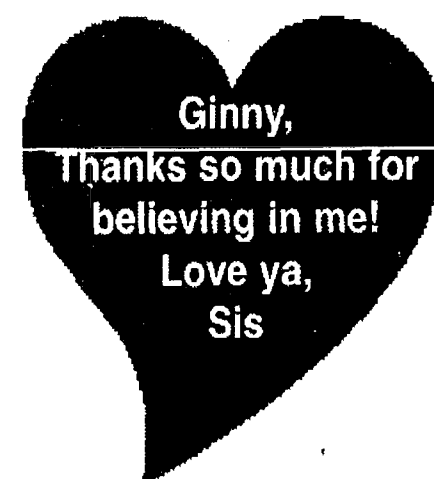
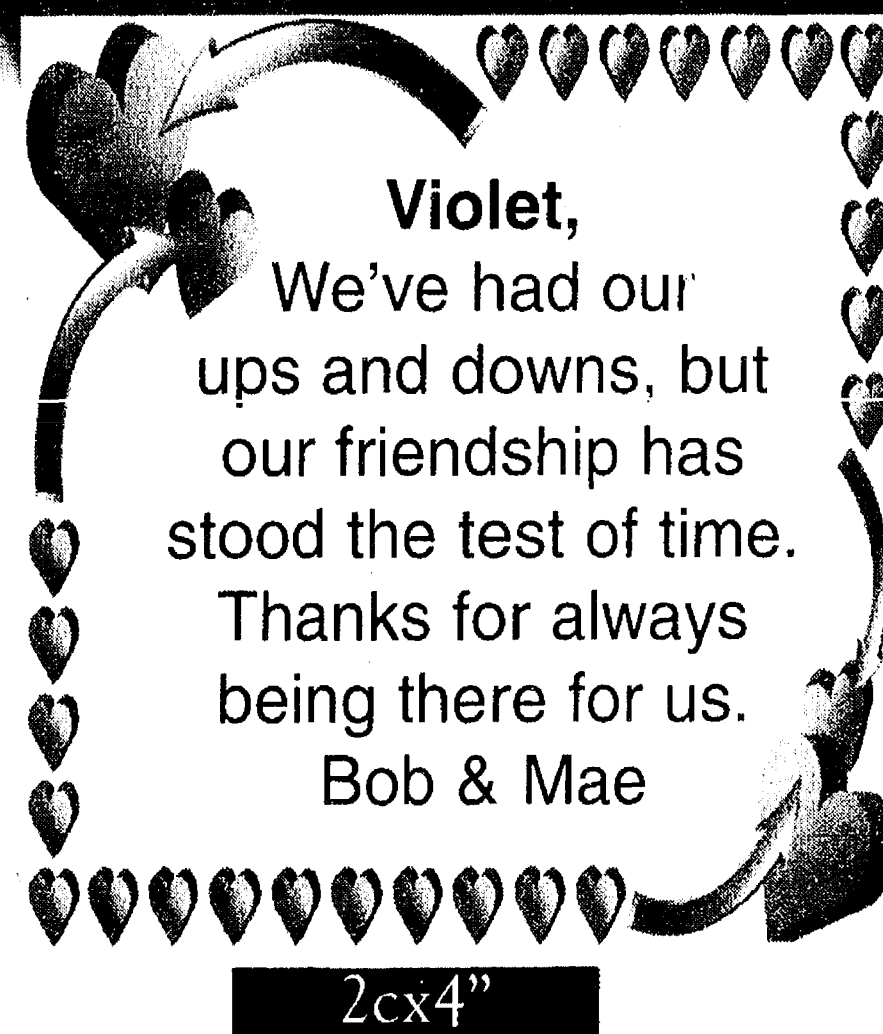
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1439th Homecoming



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Annette, Jared and Spencer Sinclair welcomed home Staff Sgt. Brian Sinclair as the 19 members of the 1439th Engineer Detachment returned to Grayling Tuesday after serving a 12-month mission in Iraq. Spencer and some of the other children wore Mardi Gras beads at the homecoming ceremony held for the troops at the Grayling Army Airfield.

Pinewood Derby Race Results

And the winners of the 2005 Pinewood Derby are...

The 2005 Pinewood Derby was held at the AuSable Primary School Cafeteria on January 22, 2005. The results are as follows:

Overall Standings

- 1st -- C.J. Bertram
 - 2nd -- Luke Petrosky
 - 3rd -- Brandon Kowalski
 - 4th -- Cody Baynham
 - 5th -- Tyler Summers
 - 6th -- Grady Smith
 - 7th -- Lucas Scott
 - 8th -- Joseph Greenway
 - 9th -- Dave Somero
 - 10th -- Ron Vradenburg
 - 11th -- Aaron Kiessel
 - 12th -- Joseph Petrosky
 - 13th -- J.C. Bertram
 - 14th -- Zachary Cheney
 - 15th -- Logan Woodley
 - 16th -- Alan Iverson
 - 17th -- Raymond Morrisette
 - 18th -- Josh Sass
- ### Tiger Standings
- 1st -- Joseph Petrosky
 - 2nd -- J.C. Bertram
 - 3rd -- Lucas Scott

4th -- Ben Engbers

- 5th -- Alan Iverson
 - 6th -- Bryce Whitley
 - 7th -- Zachary Teal
 - 8th -- Kyle Morrison
 - 9th -- Austin Sheppard
 - 10th -- Ronnie McClellan
 - 11th -- Xavier Morrisette
- ### Wolves Standings
- 1st -- Luke Petrosky
 - 2nd -- Brandon Kowalski
 - 3rd -- Joseph Greenway
 - 4th -- Zachary Cheney
 - 5th -- Travis VanDeCastele
 - 6th -- William Corbin
 - 7th -- John Hilbrecht
 - 8th -- Boomer Wingard
 - 9th -- Nathan Baker
 - 10th -- Nick Daneluk
- ### Bears Standings
- 1st -- Tyler Summers
 - 2nd -- Grady Smith
 - 3rd -- Cody Baynham
 - 4th -- Ray Morrisette
 - 5th -- Adam Thiel
 - 6th -- Edward Everson
 - 7th -- Mitchell Thompson

Webelos II Standings

- 1st -- C.J. Bertram
- 2nd -- Logan Woodley
- 3rd -- Josh Sass

4th -- Robert Thiel

Webelos I Standings

- 1st -- Dave Somero
- 2nd -- Adam Kiessel
- 3rd -- Ron Vradenburg
- 4th -- Austin Wilson
- 5th -- Tim Therrien

Open Class

- 1st -- Charlie Bertram
- 2nd -- Troy Summers
- 3rd -- Grandpa and Corey Kiessel

4th -- Brad Summers

- 5th -- Al Somero
- 6th -- Todd Engbers
- 7th -- Ted Baynham
- 8th -- Matt Morrisette
- 9th -- Joe Somero
- 10th -- Tabitha
- 11th -- Alex Miller
- 12th -- Rachel Thiel
- 13th -- Chad Brown

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Brandon Kowalski, C.J. Bertram and Luke Petrosky display the slew of trophies they won during the 2005 Pinewood Derby.

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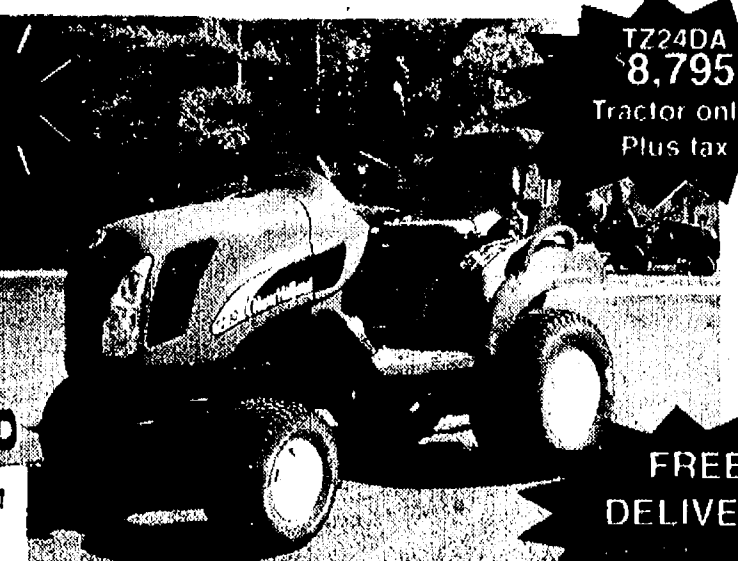
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Wrestling team posts 4-0 record in two home meets last week

Vikings defeat Clare, Farwell, Charlevoix, and TCSF by large margins

■ Grayling hosts three-team meets at high school, middle school

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

In two double dual meets in Grayling last week, the GHS wrestling team defeated Clare, Farwell, Charlevoix, and Traverse City St. Francis, all by margins of at least 37 team points.

On Tuesday, the Vikings hosted the Clare Pioneers and the Farwell Eagles in a meet at Grayling Middle School.

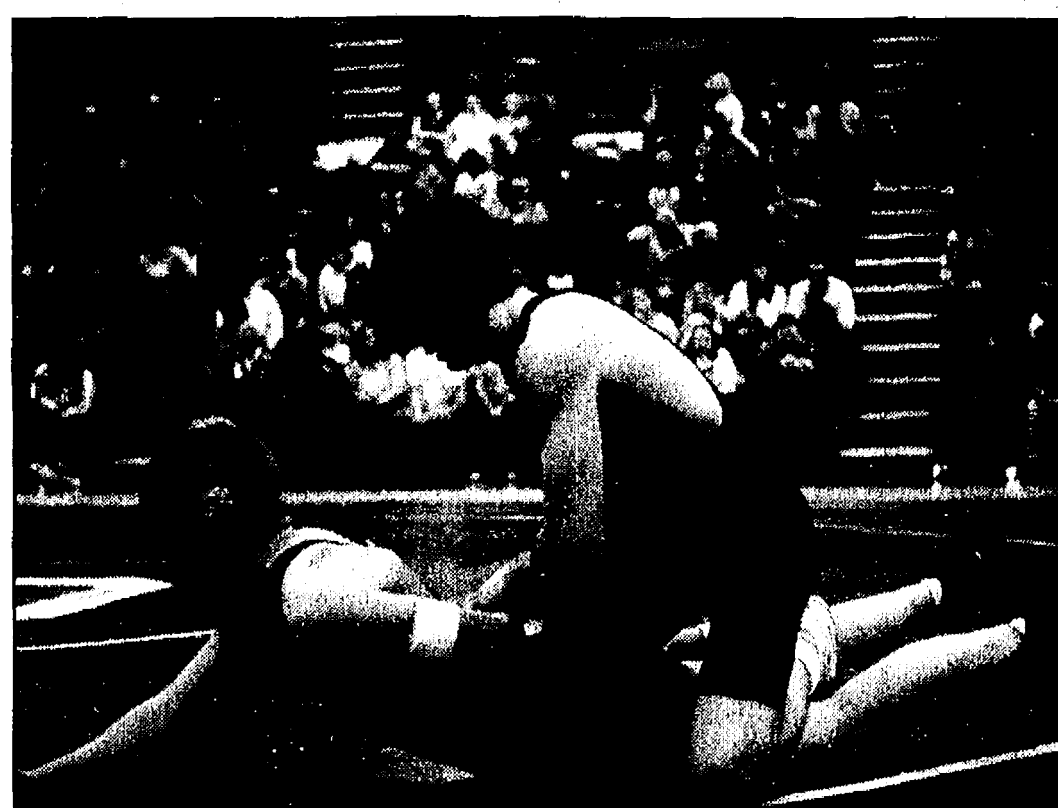
Farwell and Clare wrestled first, and the Eagles of Farwell defeated the Pioneers 42-9.

Grayling then faced Farwell, beginning with the 135-pound weight class. Cody Malone (135) won the first match by pin in the first round. At 140, TJ Cardoza lost a close match by decision 8-7. Jeff Bancroft (145) posted a 16-0 victory in the second round. Doug Webb (152) and Kevin LaTreille (160) won by default.

Troy Wilson (171) won his match with a first round pin. Farwell won the 189-pound weight class by pin in the third round. Joe Ferrigan (215) defeated his Farwell opponent with a second round pin. Bill Stewart (275) won by default. In the 103-pound division, Ben Brown posted a first round pin vs. Farwell. Both teams forfeited 112.

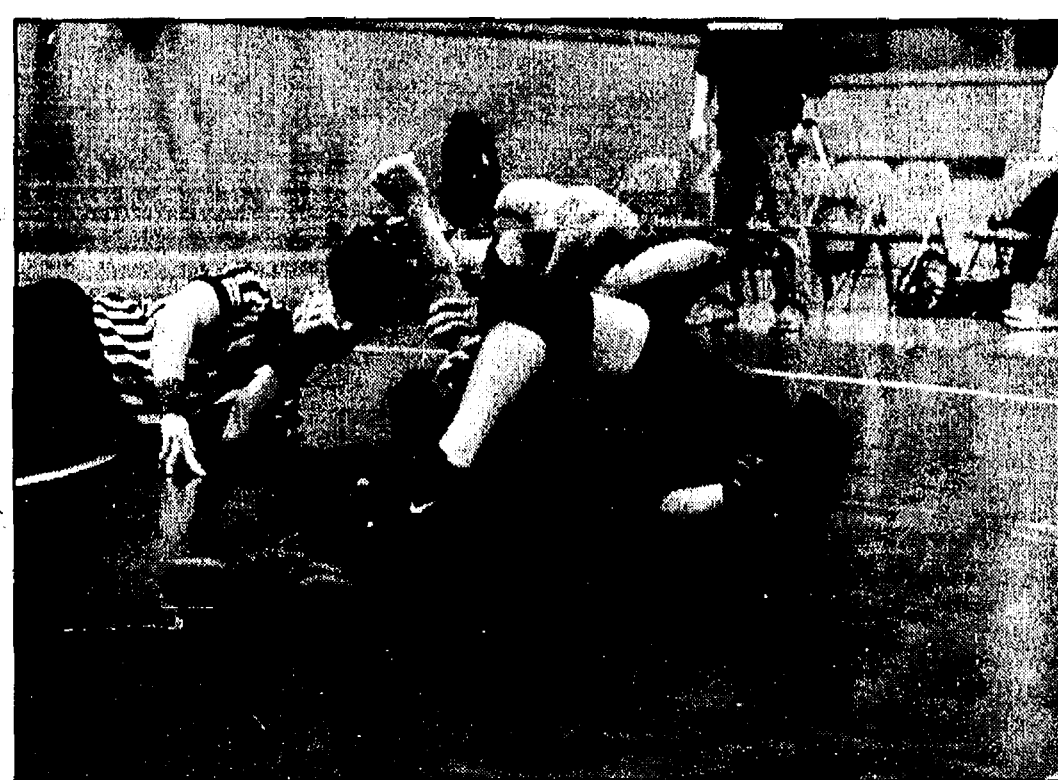
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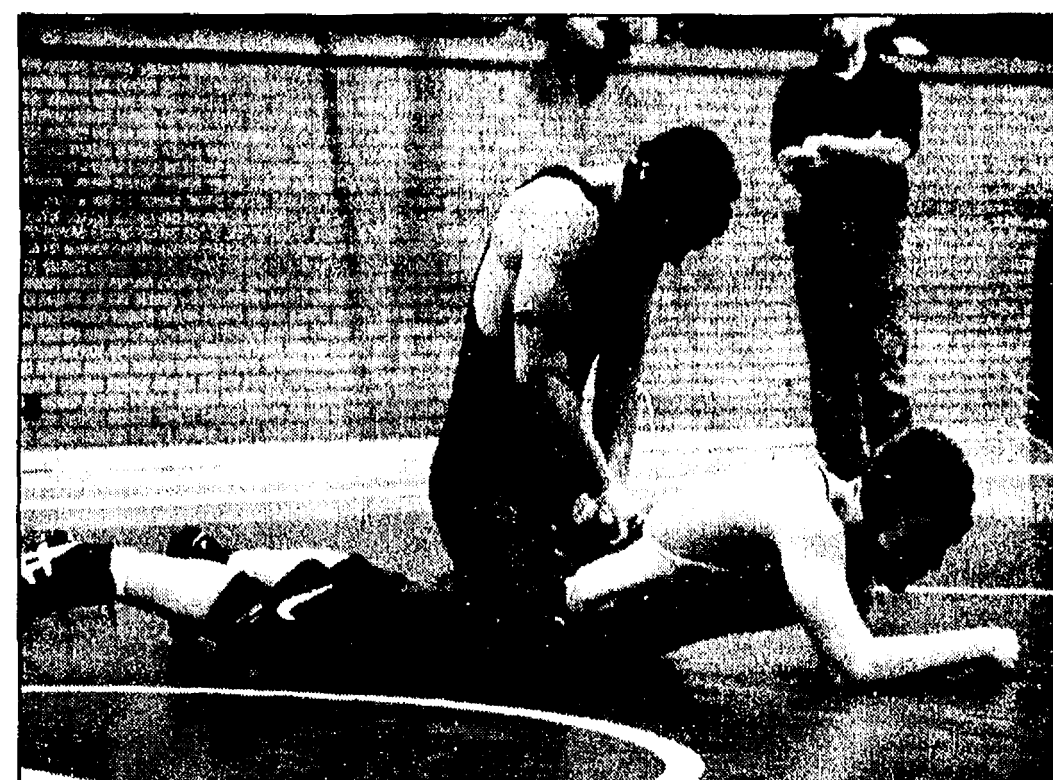
Kevin LaTreille wrestles an opponent from Charlevoix in last Thursday's meet at GHS.



Troy Wilson tries for a pin on Tuesday night against a Farwell wrestler.



Jeff Bancroft grapples with a Farwell wrestler at GMS on Tuesday.



Jesse CdeBaca wrestles against Clare in Tuesday's meet at Grayling Middle School.

Vikings edge Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis 63-60

■ GHS moves to 6-1 in league, extends home win streak to 7-0

In a back and forth game last Friday at GHS, Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team defeated the Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis by a final score of 63-60. For the Vikings, it was their only game of the week. The victory improved Grayling's season record to 10-2, moved its Lake Michigan Conference record to 6-1, and extended the team's 2004-05 home winning streak to 7-0.

The Gladiators led Grayling 15-13 after one quarter but the Vikings had a three-point advantage at halftime, 32-29. TCSF led 51-49 going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings took the lead (59-58) late in the fourth quarter with a three-pointer by Josh Hinkle (2:38 remaining). Hinkle stole the ball and scored a fast break lay-up at the 2:22 mark to put the Vikings up by three, 61-58.

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Josh Hinkle takes a jump shot for Grayling in last Friday's victory over Traverse City St. Francis.

JV basketball team defeats TCSF 53-47

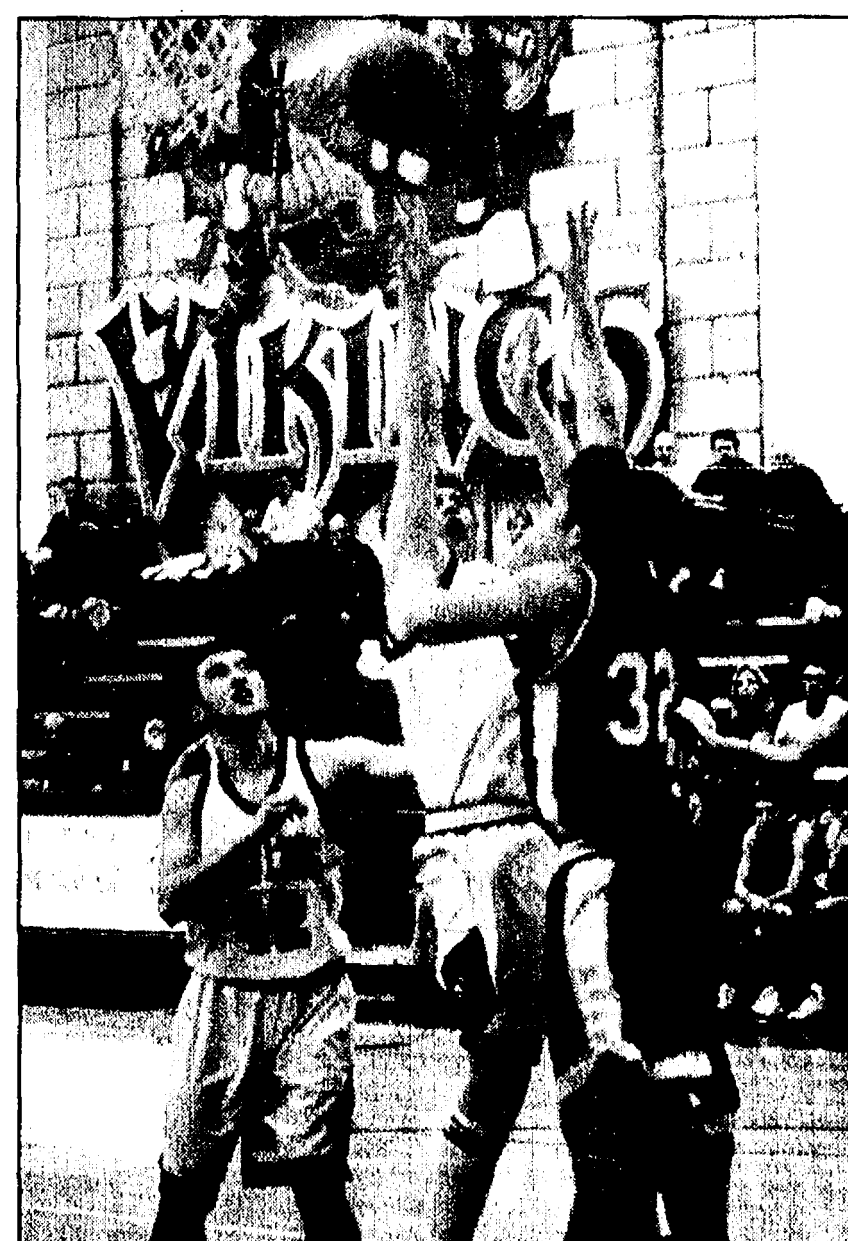




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Jeremiah Bootz shoots an inside shot in Friday night's JV basketball game vs. Traverse City St. Francis. The Vikings won the contest 53-47. For more on the game, see Page 4B.



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Wrestlers split up for two Saturday tournaments

■ Nine Vikings compete at Gaylord, 16 go to Sault Ste. Marie

On Saturday, January 29, the GHS wrestling team sent nine of its wrestlers to the Northern Michigan Championships at Gaylord High School and 16 of its team members to a tournament in Sault Ste. Marie.

At the Northern Michigan Championships at Gaylord, there were over 350 wrestlers from 29 northern Michigan and upper peninsula teams.

"This is one of the toughest tournaments held in Michigan, a really good chance to see just how good your wrestlers are and if they are prepared for the state tournaments coming up at the end of the month," Coach Don Ferguson said.

Competing for Grayling at Gaylord were:

Ben Brown (103, freshman) - Brown won his first match but came up short in his next two and finished outside of medal consideration.

Josh Partello (112, sophomore) - Partello, with only two matches wrestled before Saturday, won his first match but lost his second to a defending state champion from Whittemore. He won his next three matches but finished out of medal contention due to a state rule that limits wrestlers to five matches in any one day.

Nate Paul (125, senior) - Paul, wrestling in just his fifth match of the season, won his first contest by pin, lost his second, and won his next three to place 6th.

TJ Cardoza (140, junior) - Cardoza got a bye in the first round, lost a 7-6 decision, won his third and fourth matches, but lost his fifth and finished out of medal contention.

Jeff Bancroft (145, sophomore) - Bancroft won his first two matches but lost his third to the eventual champion from Whittemore. He won his next match, but lost his final contest and finished 4th.

Doug Webb (152, senior) - Webb won his first match, lost his second, won his next two, and finished with a 3-1 loss to end the day in 8th place.

Kevin LaTreille (160, senior) - LaTreille won his first two matches before losing a heartbreaker 2-1. He then defeated a wrestler who had beaten him earlier in the season and won his final match 6-3 to secure 3rd place.

Troy Wilson (171, sophomore) - Wilson won his first two matches but lost his third. He was injured in his fourth contest and was unable to continue. He finished 6th.

Jesse CdeBaca (189, senior) - CdeBaca (weighing just over 163) received a bye in the first round, lost in the second round, won his third match with a pin, and lost his next contest to finish

out of medal consideration.

As a team, Grayling finished 10th out of 29.

"My overall assessment of our wrestlers is that we are right where we want to be at this point of the season. For the most part we are healthy and beginning our preparations for our run at the state tournaments," Coach Ferguson said.

At Sault Ste. Marie, Grayling's 16 representatives posted the following placements:

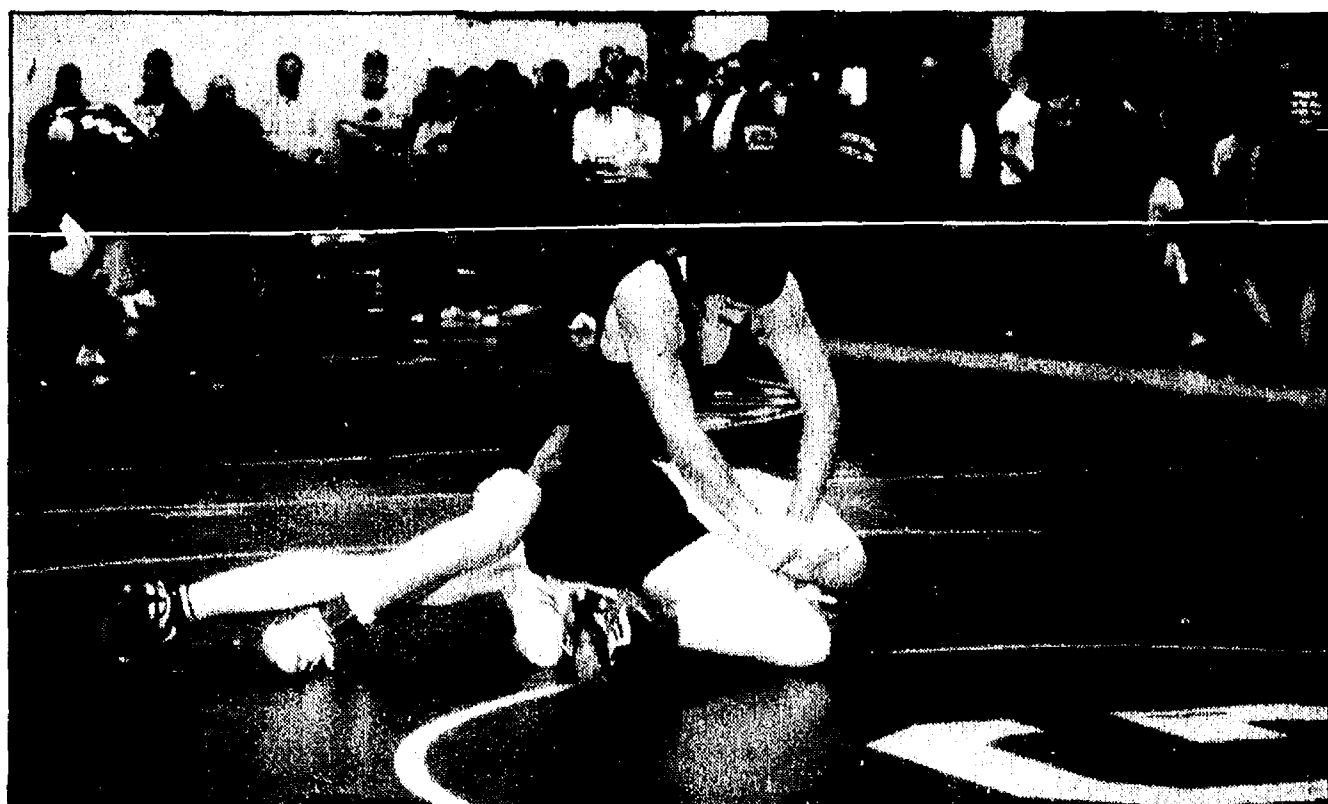
Stephen Grove (112, freshman) 2nd; Cody Verlinde (119, junior) 1st; Jeff Harwood (119, sophomore) 3rd; Eric Madill (125, freshman) 1st; Cody Malone (130, freshman) 1st; Brian Cornell (135, sophomore) 2nd; TJ Bellish (140, freshman) 2nd; James Haight (140, freshman) 3rd; Jacob Reynolds (145, sophomore) 2nd; Mike Hinkle (152, junior) 2nd; Cory Shear (160, sophomore) 1st; Tim Hatley (189, sophomore) 2nd; Matt Letts (215, freshman) 2nd; Dan CdeBaca (275, freshman) 2nd; William Carpenter (275, junior) 4th.

"This team was made up of mostly our younger wrestlers with a couple of our experienced wrestlers who are just getting started this year. We were very happy with the way we wrestled today. We are looking forward to a lot of great things from these guys in the future," said coaches Joe Ferrigan and Mike Hopkins.

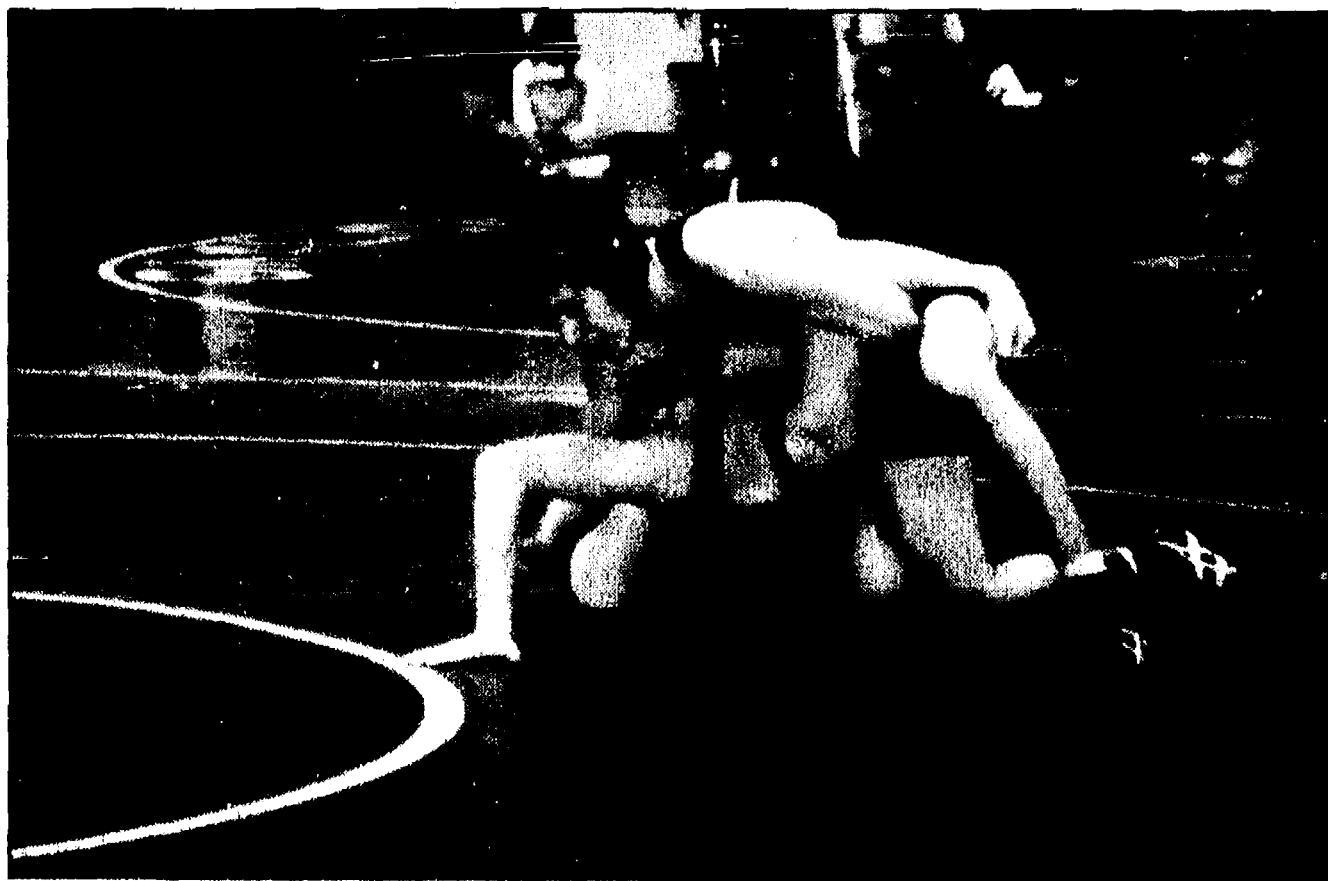


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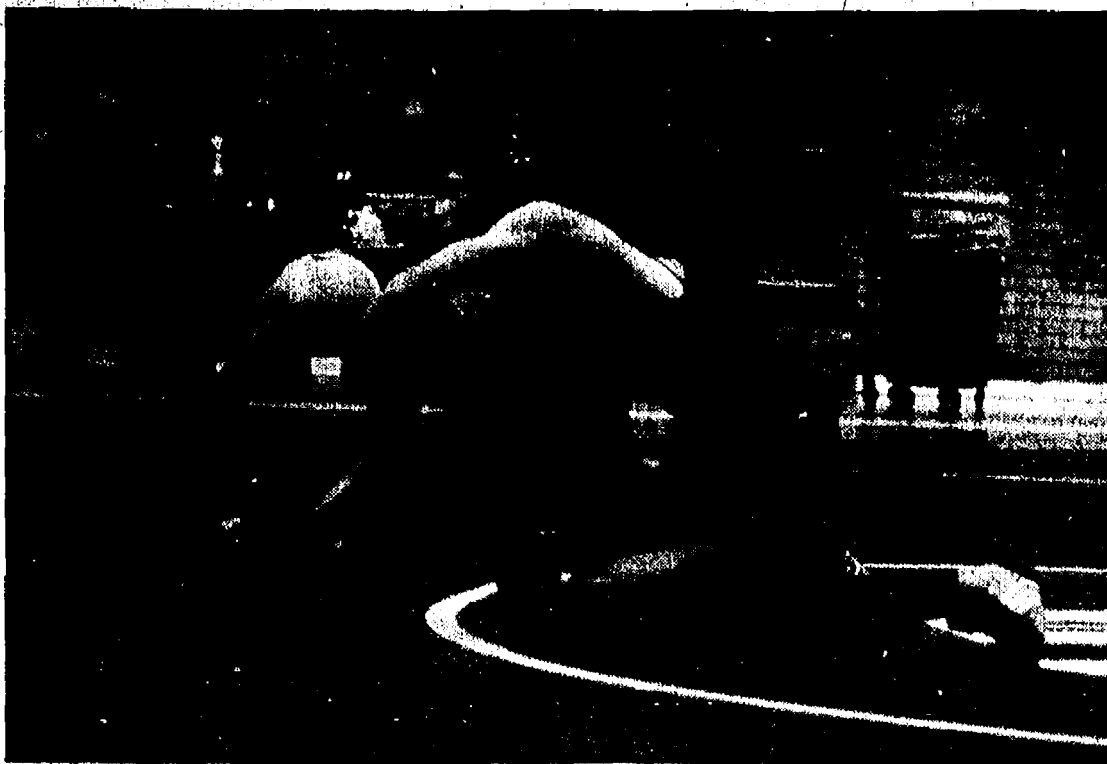
Josh Partello (112) wrestles a Gladstone opponent at Saturday's Northern Michigan Championships in Gaylord.



Kevin LaTreille (160) goes up against a Gaylord wrestler in Saturday's tournament at Gaylord.



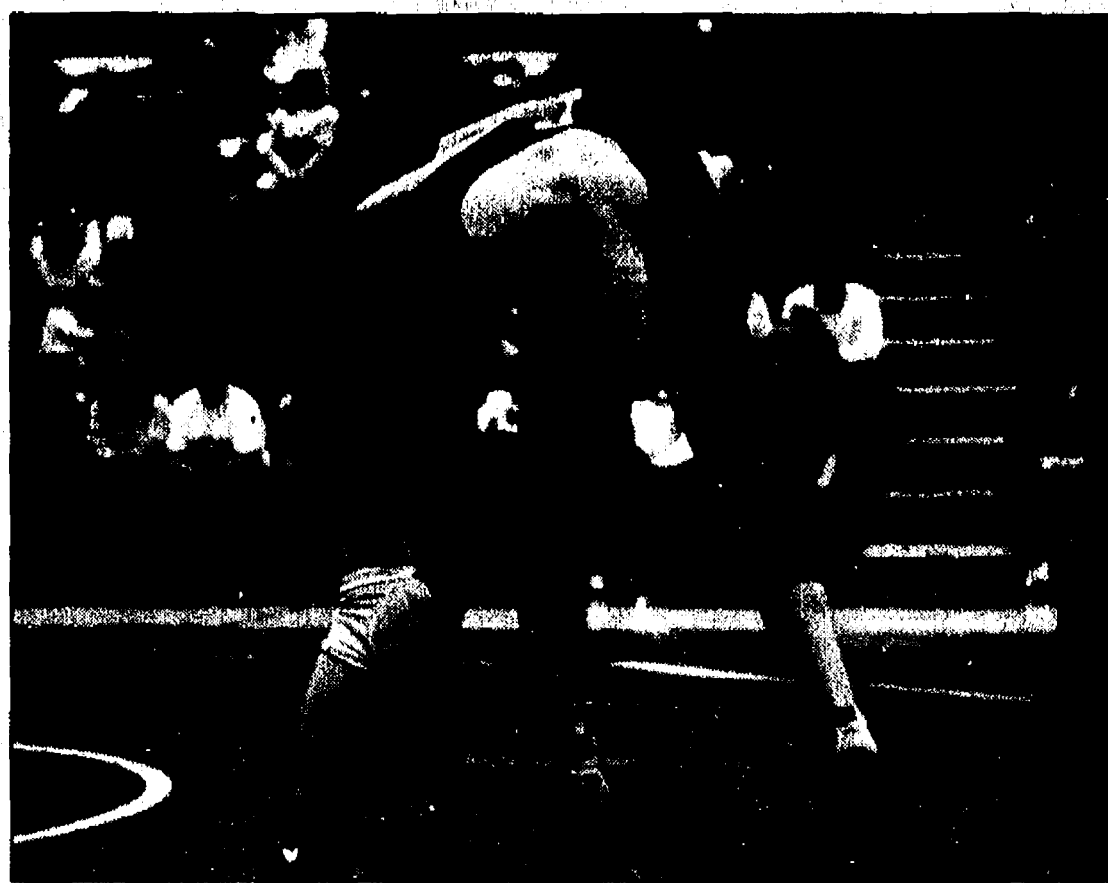
Nate Paul (125) grapples with a Cheboygan opponent on Saturday.



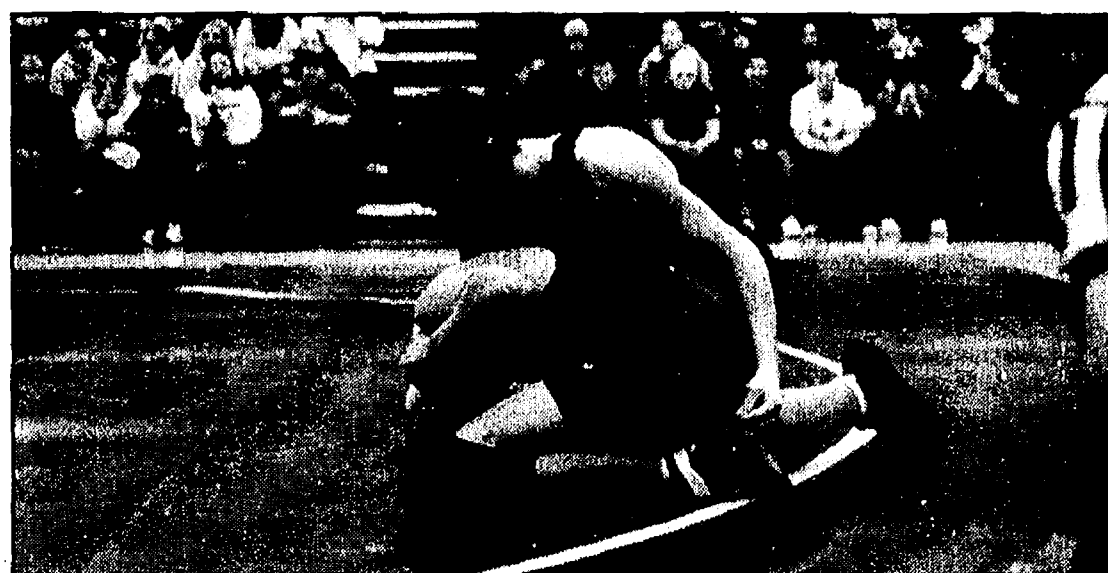
Ben Brown wrestles against Clare in last Tuesday's meet at Grayling Middle School.



Bill Stewart wrestles in the heavyweight division vs. Charlevoix on Thursday.



Doug Webb competes against Charlevoix in a meet at GHS last Thursday.



Corey Metzger faces a Charlevoix opponent in last week's meet at Grayling High School.

Wrestling team posts 4-0 record in two home meets last week

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Farwell won the 119-pound weight class with a pin. Nate Paul (125) and Eric Madill (130) won the last two weight classes by default.

The Vikings outscored Farwell 58-21.

In the final match-up of the night, Grayling wrestled against Clare.

Bancroft (145), Cory Shear (152), and Webb (160) won the first three matches by default. LaTreille, wrestling in the 171-pound weight class, posted a victory with a pin in round one. Jesse CdeBaca (189) won a 9-3 decision. Ferrigan (215) and Stewart (275) won by default.

Brown (103) lost a close match 12-9. Jeff Harwood (119) and Paul (125) pinned their opponents in the first round. Malone

(130) won by default. Madill (135) pinned his Clare counterpart in the second round. Cardoza (140) won by default in the last match of the meet.

Grayling won the match-up vs. Clare by a final score of 69-3.

On Thursday, the Vikings hosted the Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis and the Rayders of Charlevoix.

In the first series of the event, Charlevoix defeated TCSF 54-21.

The Vikings then wrestled against Charlevoix.

In the first match of the meet, Corey Metzger (140) lost a 13-12 decision. Bancroft (145) won his match with a first round pin. Webb (152) won with a second round pin. LaTreille (160) defeated his opponent with a pin in the second round.

Wilson won a 9-2 decision in the 171-pound weight class. CdeBaca lost a close match 10-6 at 189. Ferrigan (215) pinned his Rayder counterpart in the first round. Stewart (275) won by pin in the first round. Brown (103) and Josh Partello (112) both pinned their Charlevoix opponents in the first round. The Rayders won the 119-pound division by pin. Both teams were open at 125. Paul (130) won his match with a first round pin. Charlevoix posted a 16-0 victory at 135.

Grayling won by a final score of 51-17.

The Vikings finished the night with a series vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

Webb (152), LaTreille (160), Wilson (171), and CdeBaca (189) all won by default. TCSF

won the 215-pound weight class by pin.

Dan CdeBaca (275) and Brown (103) both won by forfeit. Partello (112) pinned his Gladiator opponent in the first round. Harwood (119) won by default. Paul (125) and Malope (130) won their matches with pins in the first round. Brian Cornell (135) pinned his TCSF counterpart in the second round. Cardoza (140) won by pin in the second round. Traverse City won the last match of the night (145) with a 15-8 decision.

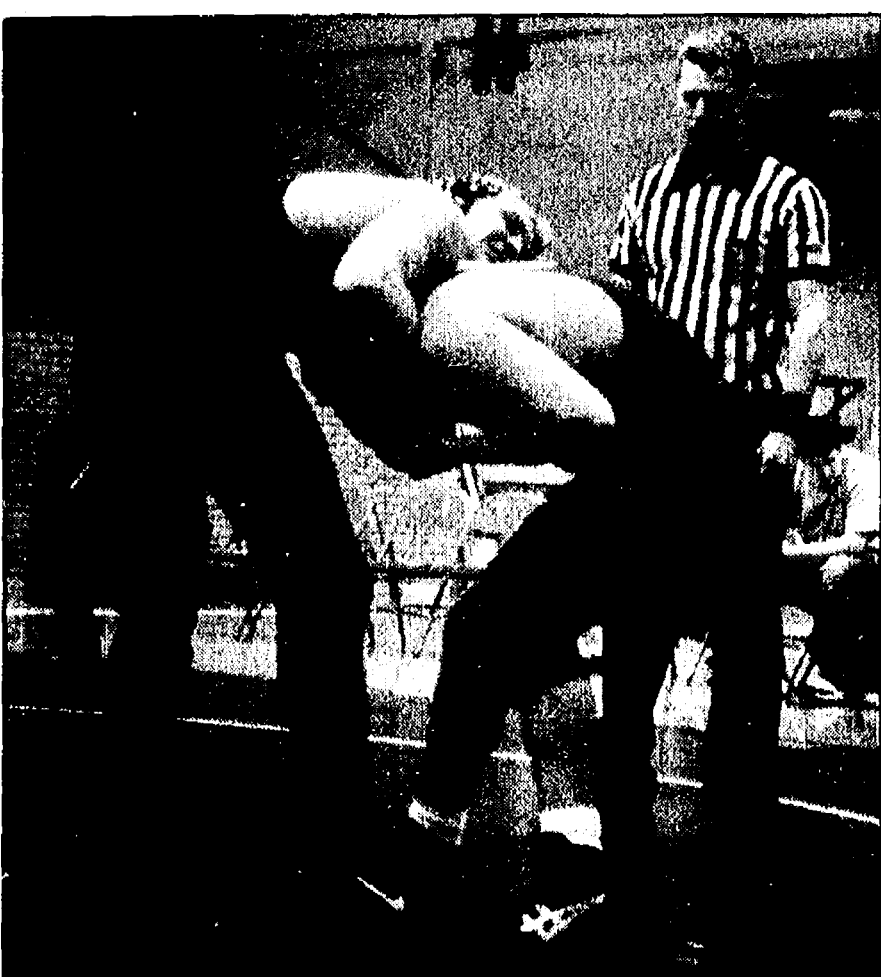
The Vikings finished with a 72-9 victory over TCSF.

In the two meets in Grayling last week, the Vikings posted a 24-10 record in contested matches.

The Vikings will wrestle against Mio and Onaway in Mio on Thursday, February 3.



Eric Madill goes for a pin on a Clare wrestler in Tuesday's meet at the middle school.



Joe Ferrigan wrestles against Farwell at GMS on Tuesday.

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JV basketball team defeats TCSF 53-47

■ Vikings shoot 18 for 26 at the free throw line in six-point win

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team posted a 53-47 victory over the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators last Friday at GHS.

Grayling led 9-7 after one quarter and had a 32-15 lead at halftime. The Vikings took a 36-29 advantage into the fourth quarter and won by six, 53-47.

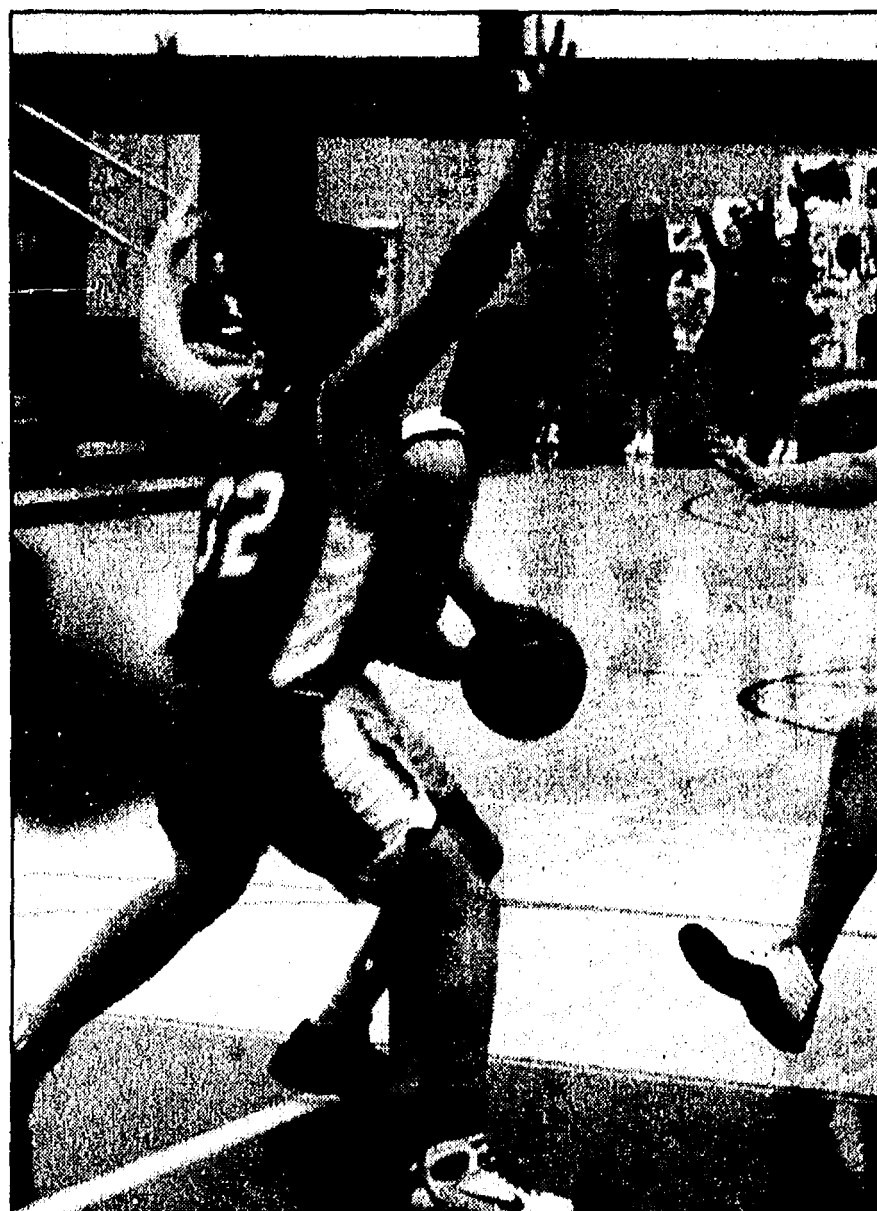
"This was a big win for our team," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "TC beat us by 26 earlier in the year."

"The difference between the last game and this one was hustle. We flat out worked harder, played better defense, and crashed the boards. In the end, the kids won the game at the free throw line, shooting 18 for 26 compared to 10 for 16 by TC. We were more aggressive on offense and as a result shot more free throws," Coach Kucharek said. "Justin Summers had a big game

off the bench for us. He scored 10 points and had a couple of big steals and assists."

The leading scorers for Grayling were Nick Parkinson (18), Doug Slater (11), Summers (10), Jason Drudge (8), and Jeremiah Bootz (4).

The Vikings play at Boyne City on Friday, February 4, and host Charlevoix on Tuesday, February 8.



Doug Slater looks for an open teammate in Friday's game vs. TCSF.



Jason Drudge handles the ball for the Vikings on Friday night.

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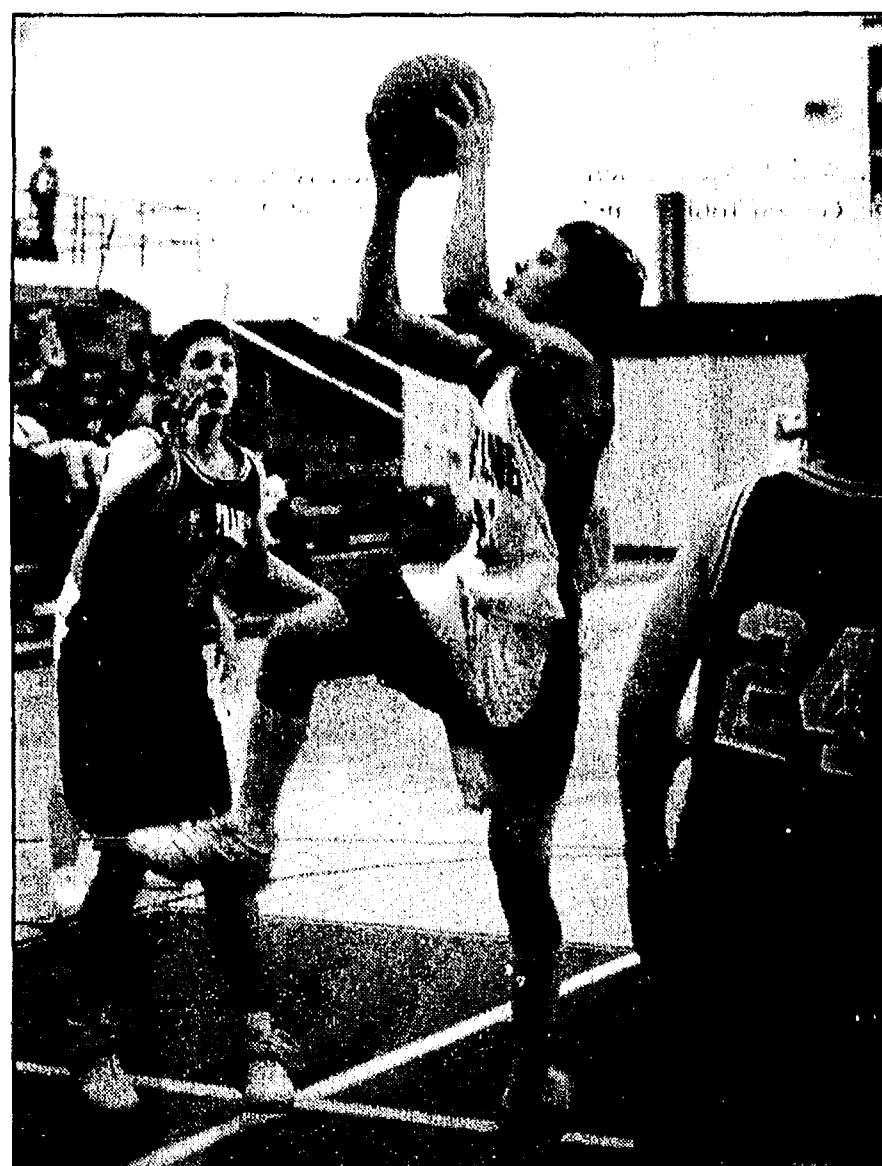
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Freshman squad falls to Gladiators



Justin Denno looks to shoot from underneath the basket in last Friday's Grayling vs. Traverse City St. Francis freshman boys basketball game. TCSF won the contest 65-31.



Isaac VanNuck drives to the basket for Grayling in last week's game against the TCSF Gladiators.

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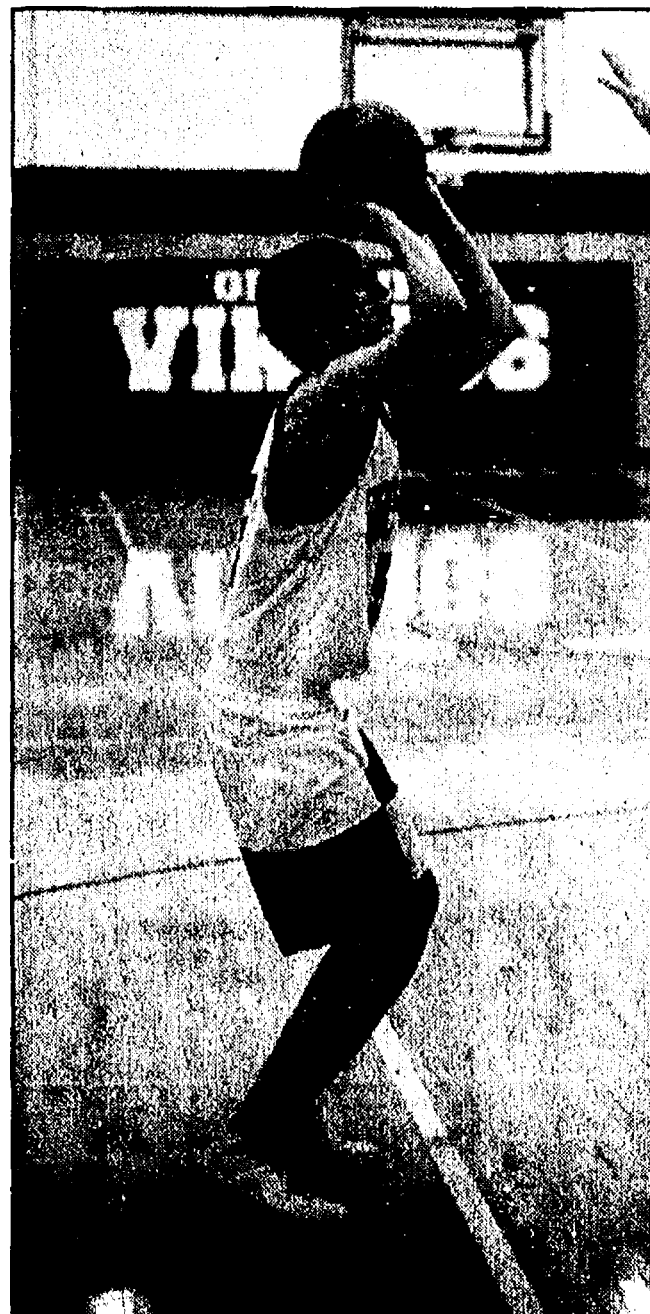
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Matt McDonald sets up for a jump shot on Friday.



Richard Schreiber passes the ball to a teammate in the game vs. TCSF.

Ski team finishes 3rd at Gaylord Invitational

Vikings place second at third league meet of the season

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams both finished 3rd overall in last Monday's seven-team Gaylord Invitational meet at Boyne Mountain.

Both teams finished 2nd in one event and 3rd in the other.

The girls team was two points behind Cranbrook - a Detroit area school - after the slalom event, but dropped to 3rd overall after finishing behind Gaylord in the giant slalom competition.

The Grayling girls were led by Katie Baynham, a junior, who placed 3rd in giant slalom (GS) and 9th in slalom for 12 team points. Mallory Olson placed 5th in slalom and 12th in GS. Erica Moggo finished 10th in slalom and 17th in GS. Kassie McClain took 11th in slalom and 19th in GS. Gabby Calkins placed 24th and 22nd. Cassie Pizzi placed 17th in slalom and lost a ski in GS.

"Our girls are starting to ski slalom very well but high speed skiing is not something we can train for very well when you

compare our hill to Boyne Mountain - there is a big difference," Coach Mike Wieland said.

The GHS boys team skied to a 2nd place finish in giant slalom and was 11 points behind last year's state champions.

"We were looking for Maple City/Glen Lake to make a mistake in slalom," Coach Wieland said. "After the first run we were close with five boys in the top 13 places. After the second run, we were the team that made the mistakes as three boys lost skis, requiring us to use a 36-point disqualification score to drop us back into 3rd place overall."

The top skier in the meet for the boys was Pat McNally, who scored 11 points with a 4th place finish in slalom and 7th in GS. Trevor Clough was 6th in slalom and 11th in GS. Jim Jansen placed 9th in GS and disqualified in slalom. Adam Gilbert took 13th in GS and disqualified in slalom. Jon Handy placed 16th in GS and disqualified in slalom. Andrew Hart placed 19th in slalom and Jimmy Hilbrecht took 21st in GS.

In the JV competition, the Grayling boys finished 2nd behind Maple City/Glen Lake. Hart and Hilbrecht led the JV

squad with Hart placing 3rd in GS and Hilbrecht finishing 4th in slalom. Kelly Richards placed 9th in GS and 14th in slalom. John Ventline was 11th in slalom and 15th in GS. Nathan Parens placed 12th in slalom and 16th in GS. Chuck Hughes placed 6th in slalom but fell in GS after losing a ski.

For the third week in a row, the top-ranked Harbor Springs boys team won a league ski meet and Grayling finished second. (The meet was held last Thursday at Boyne Mountain.)

"We managed to cut their lead by 28 points and did it without one of our top giant slalom racers finishing where he usually does," Coach Wieland said.

McNally had the best finishes for Grayling for the second meet in a row, placing 3rd in slalom and 7th in GS. "Pat is skiing really well right now and for the second meet this week has led the team in all races," Coach Wieland said.

Jansen finished 11th and 9th and Gilbert took 13th and 12th. Clough placed 5th in slalom and hooked a gate with his hand two gates above the finish and placed 31st in GS. Handy placed 18th in both events. Hilbrecht placed

24th in GS and Hart took 27th in slalom.

In the B team competition, the top Vikings were: Hilbrecht, 9th in slalom; Richards, 12th and 9th; Hughes, 13th in slalom and 30th in GS after missing a gate and climbing back; Parens, 16th in slalom and 24th in GS; Hart, 8th in GS; and Ventline, 20th in GS.

In the girls competition, Olson led Grayling with her best league performance of the season. She finished 6th in slalom and 13th in GS. Moggo placed second on the team with a 17th in slalom and 15th in GS, moving her into the upper half of the girl competitors. McClain finished 18th and 16th. Pizzi was fourth on the team with a 21st and 20th. Calkins placed 23rd in slalom and 19th in GS. Baynham finished 20th in slalom and 29th in GS.

"Katie Baynham had two good runs and unfortunately two not so good, as her all-out go fast approach to skiing caught up to her for one of the first times this season," Coach Wieland said.

The Vikings ski at Boyne Mountain on February 3 at 4:30 p.m. On February 4, the Vikings ski at Crystal Mountain at 2 p.m.

Vikings edge Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis 63-60

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With 1:03 left in regulation, TCSF scored an inside shot to pull within one, 61-60.

The Vikings killed time off the clock. With 17 seconds left in the game, Gibson Tobin completed a pass to an open Bobby Starks underneath the basket and Starks finished the play with a lay-up to put Grayling up 63-60.

Hinkle and Eli VanNuck combined for a steal at mid-court and TCSF fouled. Grayling missed both free throws, leaving the Viking lead at three. The Gladiators got the ball in bounds

and tried for three. The shot missed and Matt Swope came down with the ball for Grayling, ending the game. The Vikings held on for a 63-60 victory.

"Obviously it was an intense battle," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We're very evenly matched with St. Francis. I think the bottom line is we really made some plays down the stretch and got some breaks."

Leading scorers for Grayling were Tobin (17), Hinkle (15), and Jim Boylan (14). VanNuck, Starks, Reagan Schmidt, Mike Boylan, and Swope also scored

points for the Vikings.

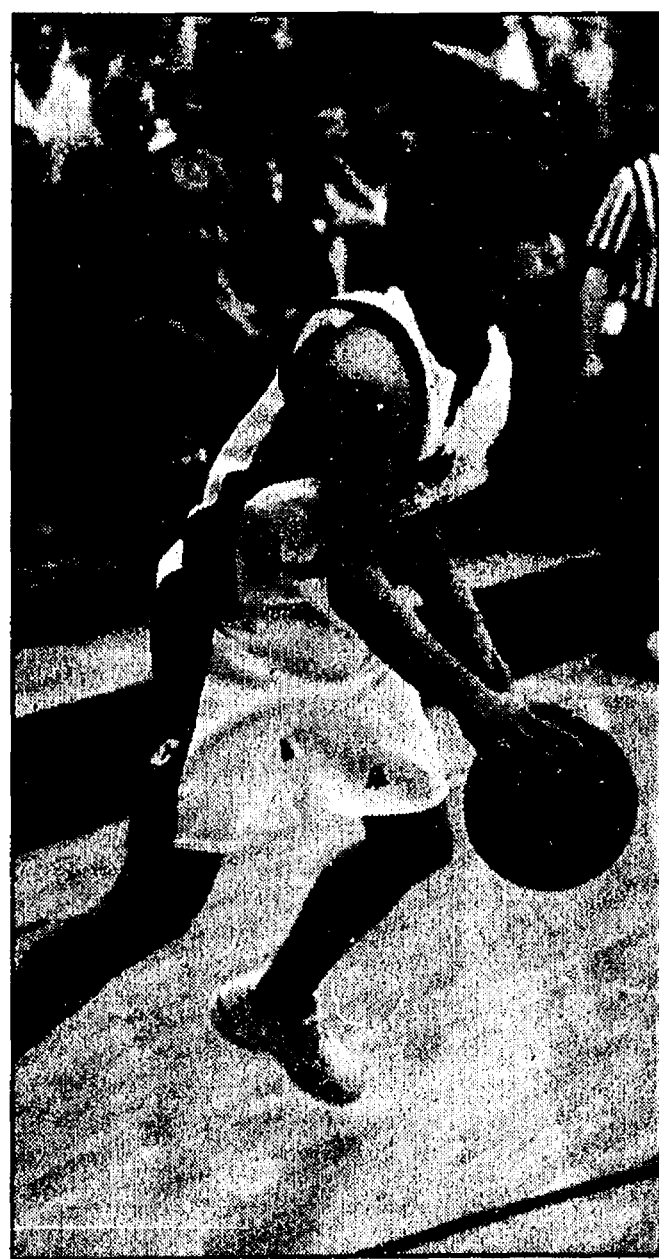
Hinkle was the team's leading rebounder with 8. J. Boylan had 7 rebounds. Tobin had 4 steals and Hinkle had 3. Tobin had 6 assists.

"Jim Boylan had without a doubt his best game of the year with 14 points and 7 rebounds, both career highs for him. I thought Josh (Hinkle) hit some big shots in the fourth quarter with a three and a two. At the end, our defensive pressure at the perimeter with Eli, Josh, and Gib created some turnovers. Bobby Starks had some key defensive

plays also. They were pretty instrumental in our win," Coach Moffit said.

"Areas to improve? Free throws. We've got to hit free throws, especially when we get to the last month of the year. We hit some big shots tonight, but we need to be able to hit the big free throws," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings play at Boyne City on Friday, February 4. On Tuesday, February 8, the Vikings will host Charlevoix - the only league team to beat Grayling so far this year.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Eli VanNuck handles the ball for Grayling on Friday.



Jim Boylan takes an inside shot for the Vikings vs. TCSF.

GMS BASKETBALL

7th grade (white) team

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade (white) boys basketball team recently finished its 2004-05 season with victories over West Branch and Gaylord.

On January 17, Grayling won 36-16 at West Branch in the team's season finale.

Leading scorers for Grayling were Doug Gothro (12) and Robby Wilson (10). Carl Gaff, Joey Contreras, Shivam Patel, and Joe Emmons also scored points for the Vikings.

On January 12, the Vikings won a home game vs. Gaylord 28-25. Gothro (10), Wilson (10), Gaff (4), and Patel (4) scored points for Grayling.

The Vikings lost a close game at Kalkaska on

January 10 by a final score of 27-23. Gaff, Gothro, Wilson, Patel, and Emmons scored points for GMS.

"The team lost a close one at Kalkaska, but finished with wins at home against Gaylord and on the road vs. West Branch," Coach John Junttila said. "As a result of their hard work and patience, by the end of the season they were able to run a variety of offensive sets which created scoring chances for all the players. Their rebounding and team defense also improved. I appreciate the effort given by all the players and also the support from the parents. I wish them well in the future and hope their experience this year was as positive as mine."

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Vikings of the Week



Erica Moggo



Patrick McNally

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ernest J. Nielson and Edith E. Nielsen, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated September 7, 2001 and recorded October 5, 2001 in Liber 555, Page 212, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Eight and 57/100 Dollars (\$91,298.57) including interest at the rate of 7.13% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgage premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 9, 2005.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building Grayling, MI at 10:00 AM, on February 23, 2005.

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Dated: January 20, 2005
ATTORNEY FOR:
Assignee of Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For information please call:
(248) 540-7701
NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC.
Assignee of Mortgagee

-20-27-3-10

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN. PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christine Timmony, An Adult Woman and Jason Fik, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2003, and recorded on April 21, 2003 in Liber 629 on Page 315, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Four And 08/100 Dollars. (\$49,974.08), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m., on February 23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: East 1/2 of Lots of 5 and 6, Block 22, of original Plat of the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, State of Michigan, according to the Rec'd Plat thereof Recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance

with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 20, 2005
For more information, please call:
FCF 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
(989) 839-0300
Attorneys for Independent Bank f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord
30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File# 045501F01

-20-27-3-10

Foreclosure Notice

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Alice M. Sheldon, an Unmarried Woman to Hamilton Mortgage Company, an Arizona Corporation Mortgagee, dated May 6, 2002, and recorded May 14, 2002 in Liber 581 Page 359, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee, by assignment dated May 10, 2002 and recorded February 11, 2003 in Liber 619, Page 438 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Three Hundred Five Dollars and Seven Cents (\$76,305.07) including interest 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, MI at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday February 23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of Lots 11 and 12, Block 10, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 301 Elm Street, Grayling, MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 12, 2005
JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee,
Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
File# 04-30916

-20-27-3-10

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Robbin J. Meyer and Karen L. Brausa, a single man and a single woman, to First National Bank of America, dated August 4, 2003 and recorded on September 29, 2003 in liber 654 page 93, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$30,471.32.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan.

The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 14 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

The North 1/2 of the following described parcel 12: beginning at the West 1/4 corner of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; thence North 0°15'03" East along section line 662.45 feet; thence South 89°15'17" East 659.00 feet; thence South 0°15'03" West 661.3 feet; thence North 89°21'15" West along 1/4 line 658.99 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, including a 1975 Colonade Mobile Home (Serial #N7087). The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.

Date: January 6, 2005

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder
P.O. Box 794, East Lansing, MI 48826
517-337-1617

-13-20-26-3

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Debra A. Legg, a single woman, Mortgagor, of 11538 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, to Chemical Bank West, a Michigan banking corporation, of 115 Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601, Mortgagee, dated August 20, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on August 21, 2001, in Liber 550 at Pages 005 through 019, inclusive, of the Crawford County Records, and assigned to Chemical Bank and Trust Company, a Michigan banking corporation, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage which was dated August 20, 2001 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford on August 21, 2001 in Liber 550, at pages 020 through 021, inclusive, of the Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late fees, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-eight and Forty Hundredths Dollars (\$26,728.40).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, in the Grayling, State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest

thereon at Six and Seventy-five Hundredths percent (6.75%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the Mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, are commonly known as 11538 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, and are more particularly described as follows: The South 43 feet of the North 215 feet of the East 133 Feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, section 31, T25N, R4W.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following such sale.

Dated: January 12, 2005
Jonathan E. Lauderback (P51313)
Currie Kendall, PLC
6024 Eastman Avenue
Midland, Michigan 48640
(989) 839-0300
Attorneys for Chemical Bank and Trust Company, assignee of Chemical Bank West

-13-20-27-2-9

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary Margaret Stone, a married person, original mortgagor(s), to Irwin Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 7, 2001, and recorded on February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page 494, and rerecorded on March 15, 2001 in Liber 531 on Page 488, and modified by agreement dated April 22, 2003, and recorded on May 20, 2003 in Liber 635 on Page 134, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five And 97/100 Dollars (\$66,865.97), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 2, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 99 feet of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 27, 2005
For more information, please call:
FCM 248.593.1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #019233F03

-27-3-10-17

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 46TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738
FRANK J. DEPA and MARGARET M. DEPA,
husband and wife,
Plaintiffs,
Case No. 04-6357-CH

vs
ROYAL HAIGHT,
Defendant.

ROBERTA ECKERT CHRISPPELL
P46479

Attorney for Plaintiffs
3225 W. Houghton Lake Dr.
Houghton Lake, MI 48629
(989) 366-8177

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain land contract made on the date of July 27, 1995, by Royal Haight, as Purchaser, to Frank J. Depa and Margaret M. Depa, husband and wife, as Sellers, upon which land contract there is claim to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and One Cent (\$5,312.01), plus other allowable costs including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes, and insurance;

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said land contract and the power of sale being contained in said land contract having become operative by reason of such default;

NOW THEREFORE, notice is being given that on the 24th day of February, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said land contract with interest there on at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said land contract. The land and the premises described in said land contract are located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, all being in section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the East side for road purposes. Commonly known as: Route 1, Box 1743-E, Grayling, MI 49738

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, and any fees, taxes, or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of sale.

The property is occupied as one parcel and must be sold as one parcel.

Roberta Eckert-Chrispell P46479
Attorney for Frank J. Depa and Margaret M. Depa
3225 W. Houghton Lake Dr.
Houghton Lake, MI 48629

-13-20-27-3-10

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting December 13, 2004

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Little, and Hartman.

Absent: Summers. There were 3 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor, Clerk and by the Fire Chief on DPW and Planning Commission.

There were two pieces of correspondence.

No old Business:

New Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to accept the Waste Management 3-year contract proposal at the same rate as last year with a 5% increase per year. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Riley to accept the proposed Poverty Guidelines Resolution with a change of the Asset Level from \$50,000 to \$65,000. Motion carried.

3. Discussion regarding changes to the Rental Agreement for the Community Center. It will be discussed further at our next meeting.

4. Discussion regarding updating our Recreation Plan, which is part of the Master Plan, which is being worked on. A decision will be made at our next meeting.

5. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Balmes to have the Supervisor or Clerk negotiate with the schools for summer tax collection with the rate the same as last year. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Riley to appoint Mary Harland, Gary Parkinson and James Norton to the Board of Review. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to extend the mapping contract with Sharon Schley through the end of 2005. Motion carried.

8. Motion to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk



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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

February 4, 1982

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved a study of changes needed to bring the county jail up to date with state regulations. The county has been involved in lawsuits concerning jail conditions and commissioners have received complaints from several attorneys about conditions for inmates at the jail. This study will be completed within four months and cost up to \$3,750.

GHS wrestler, Ron Wyman, wrestling in his first varsity match last Thursday, won a key decision that allowed Grayling to defeat arch-rival Petoskey 31-29.

The GHS basketball team makes a comeback behind the lead of Brad Trenary's clutch playing. After being down seven points at the end of the third quarter Trenary sank three free throws, made two steals, and hit a bucket all within the last two and a half minutes against Roscommon to bring Grayling back for a 58-57 victory.

46 Years Ago

February 5, 1959

Plans for the Grayling 34th Annual Winter Sports Carnival were moving into high gear this week, general chairman, Eric Post reports as the time draws short prior to the big weekend on February 13, 14 and 15.

It was revealed by chairman Post this week that Fred Bear, president of Bear Archery Company of Grayling and internationally known archer had been named to crown the 1959 Miss Michigan Winter Queen as the climax of the

carnival.

The Grayling Bear Archery Independents defeated Aetna Cement of Bay City by a score of 70 to 45, to remain undefeated in 8 games. So far this season Grayling has been averaging 66 points per game while holding their opponents to 55.

Mrs. Earl Burns won the singles series in the City bowling tournament Sunday, with a 600 series.

Miss Bonnie Borchers, winner of the Crawford County cherry pie contest held January 23 at Grayling High School, was also given honorable mention in the Grand Rapids State contest held January 30.

The second annual school snow sculpture contest for cash prizes is now underway in the City Park by the water tower on US-27. Six classes have entered the competition this year and one class has their project complete. John Deckrow, now living in Flint, has been invited to judge the contest. Deckrow, the builder of many of Grayling's most famous ice thrones, says he is a Grayling resident just in Flint on leave.

69 Years Ago

February 6, 1936

Alexander Lake in Hartwick Pines State Park, northeast of Grayling, will be re-named "Bright" and "Star" lakes, respectively, if approval is given by the state and national boards of geographic names. The change is requested by Mrs. Karen B. Hartwick, who donated to the state the land now known as Hartwick Pines State Park.

Fire resulting from an explosion

of their gasoline stove caused quite a little damage at the apartment of Capt. G. E. Murphy over Burke's garage. It so happened that firemen were holding their meeting on the lower floor of the building so that it was not necessary to turn in an alarm. The flames were quickly extinguished but had made so much headway within just a few minutes that the whole building might have been in grave danger had the firemen not been so near at hand.

Michigan people experienced one of the severest cold days Wednesday, when the mercury at Grayling went to 16 below zero at 7:30 a.m., according to the thermometer at the Fish Hatchery. A bad blizzard raged all the day and night before. Tuesday afternoon an S.O.S. call was sent to the County barn in Grayling for a snowplow to clear out the roads in the vicinity of the Love School. A heavy snow fell all afternoon and when it came time for dismissal the roads were blocked so badly it was impossible for the children to get to their homes.

Grayling friends will be pleased to know that B. Trudeau of Saginaw who carried off so many honors in the special skating races, is none other than Bert Trudeau, who spent his boyhood in Grayling. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trudeau who owned and operated the bakery here years ago. The young man is a whiz on skates and won several honors at the Alpena carnival also.

"There may be bigger toboggans in the world, but we've never heard of them." That was the completed "Suicide Sal," the great sixteen foot toboggan now in use at the Grayling Winter Sports Park where

the eleventh annual carnival was held on January 24, 25 and 26. "Suicide Sal" is employed only by the more daring of the toboggan riders. It races down the three-chute, half-mile-long slide at speeds varying from 140 to 160 miles an hour. Regulation toboggans ranging in length from four to ten feet, attain speeds of well over one hundred miles an hour on the Grayling slide. "Sal" rides the chute so fast it is necessary to slow her down with sand and sawdust towards the end. Still, she has never known an accident.

92 Years Ago

January 9, 1913

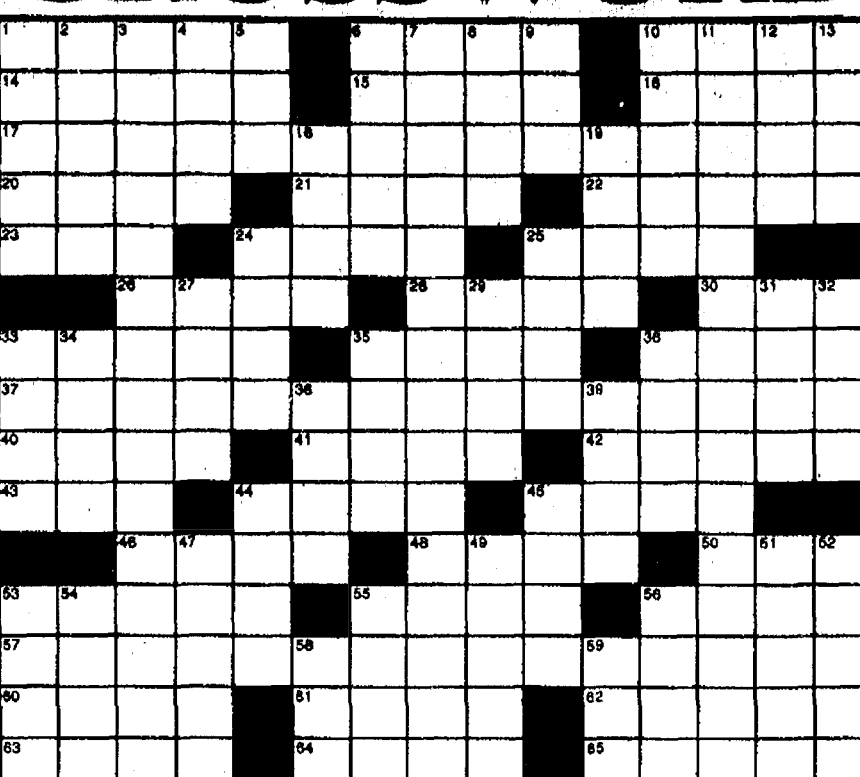
The Avalanche office has just installed some new printing machinery, and more will be coming soon.

A. M. Lewis and Co. are enlarging their store. The change will enlarge their sales room and prescription department, and give them more light.

The Hek-kai-dek-a girls entertained their gentlemen friends with a sleigh ride to the John Failing farm home in Beaver Creek Monday evening, instead of holding their regular meeting. The most important event of the evening was a chicken dinner served at 10:30. They departed for their homes amid song and laughter, Mrs. Esbern Olson and Mrs. E.R. Woodburn acted as chaperones.

Last Monday Mayor Hanson and Peter Brown made an inspection of the hydrants in the city, and found the one at the school house and the one on Michigan Avenue in front of Salling, Hanson Co.'s store to be frozen. It required considerable effort to thaw out the latter hydrant - a fire had to be built around it for several hours. The same hydrant gave trouble last winter.

CROSSWORD



Across

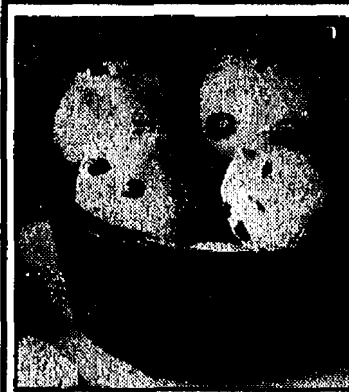
1. Zeus' nine daughters.
6. Scrutinize.
10. Capros __, boarfish.
14. Huge; vast.
15. Carbonated soft drink.
16. Prohibitionists.
17. Detailed style of management.
20. Elisha Graves __, U.S. inventor.
21. Force along.
22. Third letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
23. Acronym for Senior Executive Officer.
24. Coffin stand.
25. South American red or gray monkey.
26. Obscure.
28. Organs of hearing.
30. Acronym for Lock Haven University.
33. Upper portions of the hipbones.
35. Plural of "ascus."
36. Pass over lightly.
37. People skilled in conflict resolution.
40. Old.
41. Thick cord.
42. Horse blanket.
43. Scottish for love.
44. Temple.
45. Token; indication.
46. Metric measure of weight.
48. Brilliant display.
50. Acronym for Insulin-like Growth Factor.
53. Good-bye.
55. Abbreviation for personal.
56. False god.
57. By means of science and industry.
60. Japanese principle of indulgent dependency.
61. Indigent wine drinker.
62. Parcel out.
63. Thin layer or coating.
64. Bird's home.
65. Thin skin or membrane.

Down

1. Written reminders.
2. Join together.
3. Of the study of animals' social behavior.
4. Makes a mistake.
5. Acronym for Sequential Minimal Optimization.
6. Frighten.
7. Individuals serving in Congress.
8. Wing-like parts.
9. Complain relentlessly.
10. Allow to enter.
11. Occurring during period preceding the millennium.
12. Archaic plural of "eye."
13. Acronym for Rough Set Technology Laboratory.
18. John __, U.S. naturalist and explorer.
19. Zeus' shield.
24. Round, enlarged part.
25. Group of three.
27. Praise; extol.
29. Continuous, dull pain.
31. Injury.
32. __ Major, the Great Bear.
33. Abbreviation for Italics.
34. Acronym for Local Recovery Unitary Operation.
35. Long period of time.
36. Adult male deer.
38. Acronym for Long-Range Attack Missile.
39. Leave out.
44. Mythological goat-man.
45. Combining form meaning "half."
47. Resew garment edge.
49. Casting mold for metal.
51. Lively dance in duple time.
52. Scold; jeer.
53. Acronym for Allied Tactical Air Force.
54. Combining form meaning "half."
55. Basic ballet movement.
56. Sphere.
58. Possess.
59. Taxi.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



RAISIN BUNS

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1/2 cup warm water (100° to 110° F) | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 envelopes Active Dry Yeast | 6 to 6 1/2 cups all-purpose flour |
| 1 1/4 cups warm milk (100° to 110° F) | 1 large egg |
| 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened | 1 cup raisins |
| 1 cup sugar | |

Place water in large bowl. Sprinkle in yeast; stir until dissolved. Add milk, butter, sugar, salt, and 2 cups flour. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Add egg and 1 cup flour; beat 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in raisins and enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease top.

Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour. Punch dough down; roll to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut with 2-inch biscuit cutter; place on greased baking sheets. Knead together trimmings; re-roll and cut. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 45 minutes. Bake at 375° F for 15 to 20 minutes or until done. Remove from sheets; cool on wire racks.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Freckles is a neutered male. He is very friendly, but has an overabundance of energy that is common to the terrier breed. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.asec.petfinder.com

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Dixie at 348-4117 or 348-9178.

2005 Pet and Dog Calendars (\$5) are on sale at the Avalanche, Dog Opoly and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All proceeds to the shelter. Help build a new shelter. Buy a "Driving Into the Future" raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100 each; only 2,000 will be sold. Send check or money order for amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets also sold at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, Chemical Bank and the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall. Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Snow	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1/26	24	13	10						
1/27	13	-24	10						
1/28	19	-25	10	High 36	High 33	High 29	High 33	High 30	High 32
1/29	24	-17	10	Low 21	Low 15	Low 21	Low 16	Low 15	Low 16
1/30	32	5	10						
1/31	29	22	10						
2/1	29	24	10	Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Rain to Snow

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

DID YOU KNOW ??

Roses may be Red, but Violets are indeed Violet.

MAZE

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 3, 2005

<p>CAPRICORN December 22-January 19 Your gentle nature works against you this week, as you agree to one too many requests. Take steps to learn how to stand up for yourself and say no.</p>	<p>ARIES March 21-April 19 A friendship reaches an impasse. You're just not on the same page anymore. Make a clean break and don't give it another thought.</p>	<p>CANCER June 22-July 22 Moments of delight sneak up on you throughout the week. Savor them. A room in your home needs a facelift—don't put it off another day.</p>	<p>LIBRA September 23-October 22 Peace weaves its way into your life, Libra. Take advantage of the time to rest and rejuvenate. The pace will soon pick up. A treasure returns.</p>
<p>AQUARIUS January 20-February 18 Constancy is key to resolving personal conflict, Aquarius. News from home puts the zeal back into your life and makes you giddy.</p>	<p>TAURUS April 20-May 20 You receive a bombshell at home, Taurus. Pour your anger and frustration into something constructive. A chance meeting results in a powerful ally.</p>	<p>LEO July 23-August 22 A discovery makes you reminisce, Leo. Get together with some friends and dish about old times and new. Home improvement plans require more research.</p>	<p>SCORPIO October 23-November 21 Exercise takes a back seat this week, as you get caught up in a activity. Stop fooling around and get back to your routine. You have plenty of time for leisure later.</p>
<p>PISCES February 19-March 20 Entertainment plans fall by the wayside when a relative calls. Don't be thrown by the sense of urgency in their voice. It's not as bad as it seems.</p>	<p>GEMINI May 21-June 21 A health scare inspires you to get more involved in the community. Join an organization, take part in an event or volunteer at a local hospital. Bring along some friends.</p>	<p>VIRGO August 23-September 22 You are bombarded with piles of work. Turn off the telephone and dive right in. You'll be finished before you know it and free to pursue other affairs.</p>	<p>SAGITTARIUS November 22-December 21 Your plan of action for a dilemma at home is a step in the right direction. Keep working at it and it will succeed. A letter boosts your spirits.</p>

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1. Real Estate
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1. Real Estate
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1. Real Estate
NEWER RANCH HOME, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, close to town, \$119,900, must sell. Make offer 989-348-1482 (-13-20-27-3-10-17-24-3/1)

1. Real Estate
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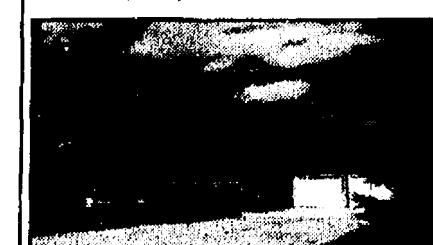


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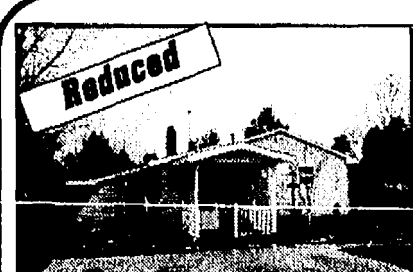


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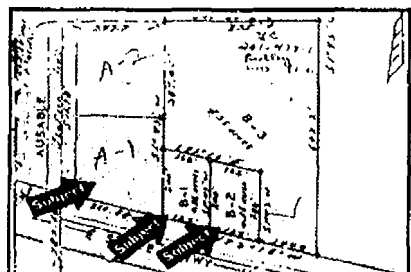


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<p>Hunting and Snowmobiling Paradise. This neat cabin is located on approximately 28 acres and is about as secluded as it gets. Adjoining state land on the north side and located less than one mile from the Blue Bear snowmobile connector trail. \$64,900 #5176</p>	<p>"Great Business Opportunity" property features 132 feet of commercial frontage on main highway Old 27. The building is 1500 sq. ft. with an additional 320 sq. ft. Office has many updates. \$129,000 #5383. Adjacent home also available for \$68,500 #5383</p>	<p>HIGH TRAFFIC INTERSECTION I-75 Business Loop M-72 & Old 27 14,000 Sq. ft. lot Zoned C-3 Commercial Asking \$84,900 989-348-5474</p>

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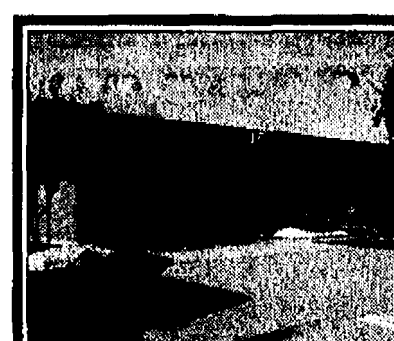
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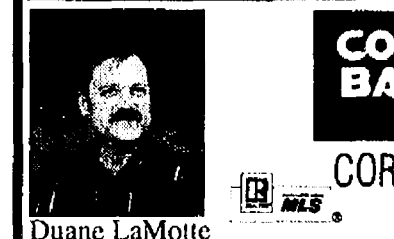


1. Real Estate



Gorgeous custom built home on 2.25 acres. 1,400 s.f., 3 B/R, 2 baths, custom kitchen, hardwood flooring, ceramic tile, knotty pine ceiling in great room. Master bedroom suite with doorwall onto large deck. 2-car attached and finished garage, concrete approach, sidewalk, and gravel drive. \$149,900 #236297

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DIRECTOR

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) is seeking a Director that will promote economic growth and job retention within Crawford County. A Bachelor's Degree in public or business administration, organization development, economic development or related area is required; a Master's Degree is preferred. Furthermore, the applicant should possess two or more years of professional experience in the field of economic development, community planning, public administration, business retention, new business development or related field. The individual must be energetic, enthusiastic and enjoy challenges while possessing strong oral and written communication skills. We offer a competitive salary and benefit package based on qualifications and experience. Interested candidates must send a resume that will include a minimum of five professional references to:

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Selection Committee
P.O. Box 141
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The Michigan Masonic Home Charitable Foundation is seeking qualified candidates for a part time (3days/24 hours per week) Assistant Director of Philanthropy. The Michigan Masonic Home Charitable Foundation raises and manages funds to benefit Masonic Pathways, a fully licensed Continuing Care Retirement Community with over 400 residents in Alma, Michigan. Responsibilities include working with Masonic Pathways and Grand Lodge of Michigan leaders and volunteers on all aspects of comprehensive development program, i.e. capital campaigns, direct mail, special events, grants, planned and major gifts. Requirements include a Bachelor's Degree, 5 years experience and a proven track record of success in capital campaigns, major gifts/planned giving programs and in closing such gifts, a high level of professional maturity, judgement, and decisiveness combined with the ability to motivate staff and volunteers and inspire confidence among donor prospects. The ideal candidate for this part time position is a development professional with 5-10 years experience in fundraising, preferably within a healthcare environment. Because this position requires field work, it will not be necessary to relocate to Alma. The deadline for resumes is Monday, February 28, 2005. Please mail resume and cover letter to:
Masonic Pathways
Human Resources Department
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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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11. Automotive

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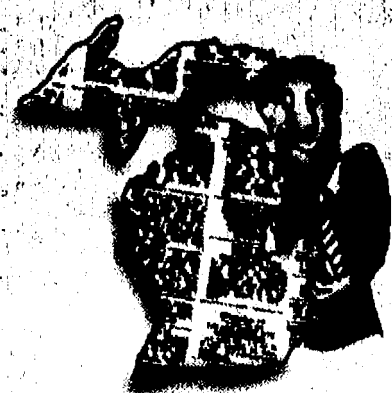
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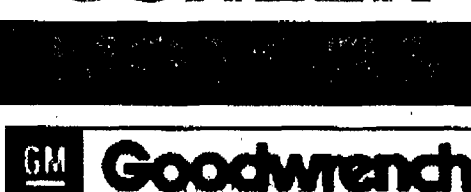
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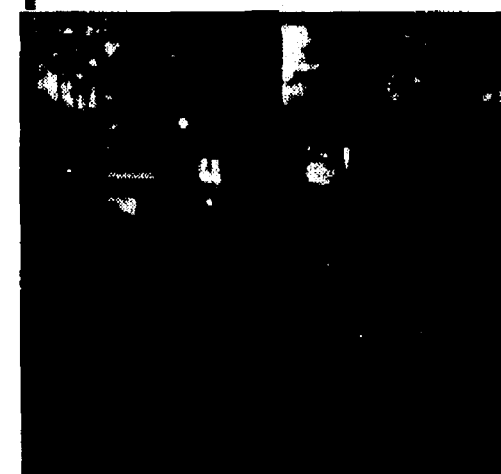
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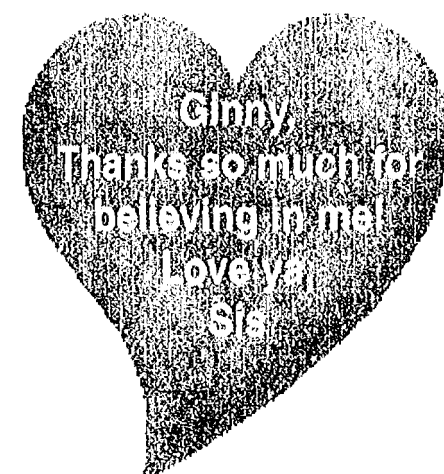
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Recreation League	
American Legion	16 - 8
Glen's Market	15 - 9
Coldwell Banker	15 - 9
Woody Girls	14 - 10
Gr. Nursing Center	12 - 12
Hawk Ridge Golf	11.5 - 12.5
Mickey Perez CPA	8.5 - 15.5
Peterson Saw Service	4 - 20
High Series: K. Moshier, 578; H. Stairs, 510; J. Czapek, 505.	
High Game: K. Moshier, 222 & 191; H. Stairs, 205.	
Pioneer League	
Chemical Bank	15 - 5
Custom Interior	12 - 8
AJD Forest Product	11 - 9
McDonald's	11 - 9
Grayling Restaurant	10.5 - 9.5
Grayling Chiro.Clinic	9.5 - 10.5
South Side River Rats	7 - 13
Rochette's	4 - 16
High Series: T. Hellebuyck, 541; J. Coors, 534; D.Hollis, 526.	
High Game: L. Golinick, 204; J. Cousins, 196; D. Hollis, 195.	
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High Series Men: L. Crampton, 545; B. Hollis, 532; A. Smith, 524.	
High Game Men: L. Crampton, 214; B. Hollis, 205; G. Wolfe, 202.	
High Series Women: C. Clark, 478; P. Harris, 422; H. Stairs, 414.	
High Game Women: P. Harris, 193; C. Clark, 177; P. Gillis, 157.	
Friday Mixed Doubles	
Moshier Auto Repair	16 - 4

American Legion	
Double Trouble	13 - 7
IMM.	11 - 9
Lucky & Laura	10 - 10
4.F.I.	6 - 14
4.F.I.	4 - 16
High Series Men: D. Wallace, 649; M. Horton, 595; C. Hanson, 569.	
High Game Men: D. Wallace, 240; S. Green, 228; C. Hanson, 224.	
High Series Women: K. Moshier, 535; P. Benardo, 491; S. France, 485.	
High Game Women: P. Benardo, 188; K. Moshier, 182; S. France, 174.	
Northwood League	
Carey & Jaskowski	12 - 4
Hals Masonry	11 - 5
USA Trailer	9 - 7
Warbler Chicks	9 - 7
Great Lk Mortgage	8 - 8
Bud Lite Babes	8 - 8
Choppers Spares	
Chaos	7 - 9
Chaos	0 - 12
High Game: T. Rock, 213 and 176; P. Benardo, 175.	
National First	
Faustman's Insurance	31 - 4
Ole Barn	22 - 13
Denholm Chiropractic	20 - 15
E-Z Built Homes	18 - 17
Corky's Karaoke	17 - 18
Legion Lanes	14 - 21
Hart Pontiac-GMC	9 - 26
Sawmill	9 - 26
High Series: P. Miller, 625; P. Faustman, 583; J. Robideau, 578.	
High Game: M. Deming, 243; P. Miller, 231; C. Hellebuyck, 220.	
Sunday Mixed Doubles	
Denny's Village Idiots	23 - 12
Little Tyke Daycare	20 - 15
Weyerhaeuser	17 - 18
Dennco	16 - 19
AJD Forest Products	15 - 20
Fritch Electric	14 - 21

High Series Men: B. Harris, 594; J. Meharg, 556; L. Bresmon, 527.	
High Game Men: B. Harris, 213; D. Kirchoff, 207; J. Meharg, 202.	
High Series Women: M. Starks, 511; S. France, 480; V. Meharg, 478.	
High Game Women: M. Starks, 202; V. Meharg, 180; S. France, 176.	
Grayling City ABC Tournament	
McLeans Ace	3226
Ole Barn	3139
Hart Pontiac-GMC	3137
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GADCO	2810
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Holiday Inn	130
Frederic Inn	129
Growlers Pub	116
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5 Ball Run: Annette and Vicki (Frederic Inn), 6 Ball Run: Annette (Frederic Inn), Jill (Growlers Pub).	
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Growlers Pub	38
Riverside	29
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